

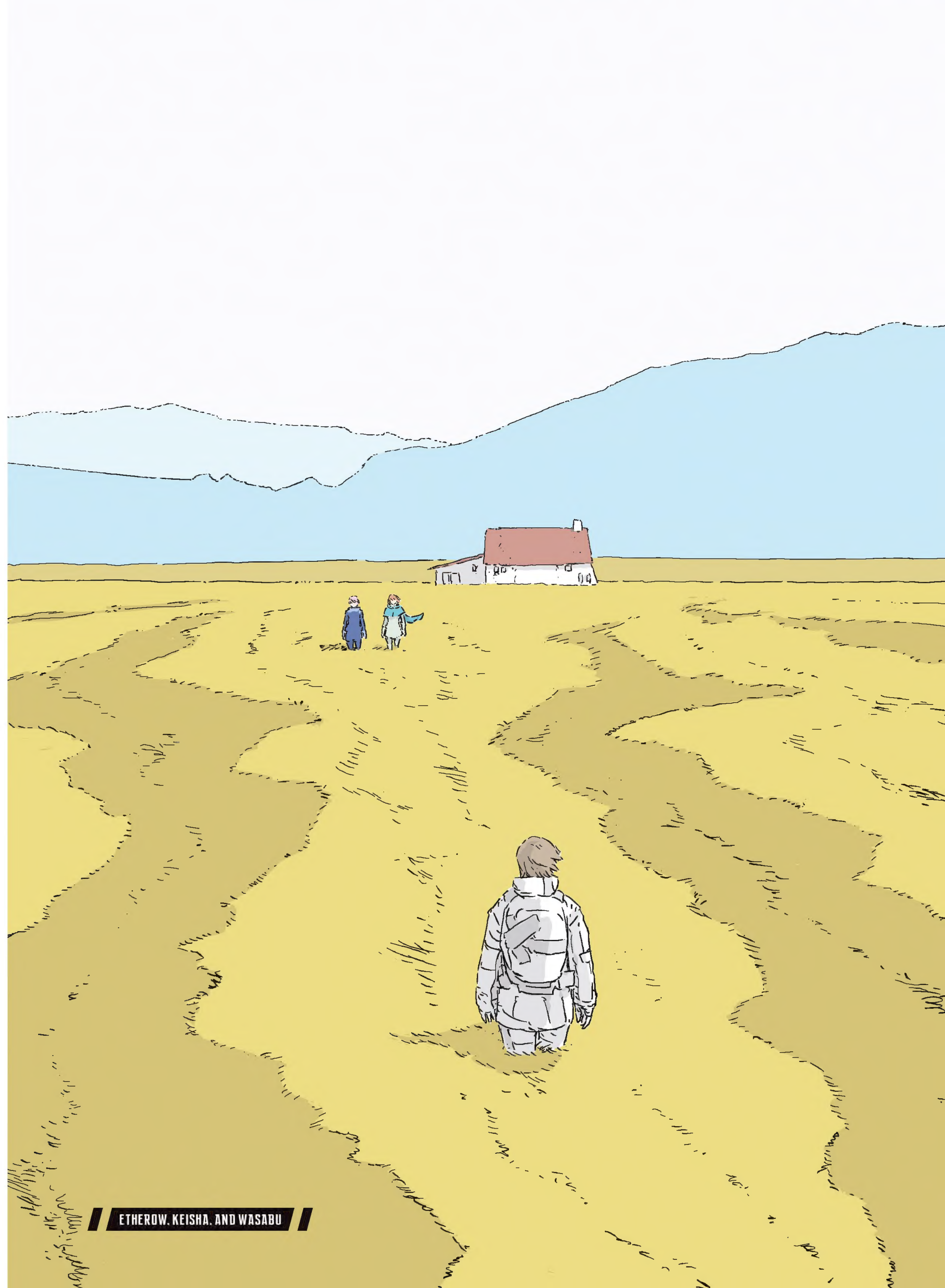
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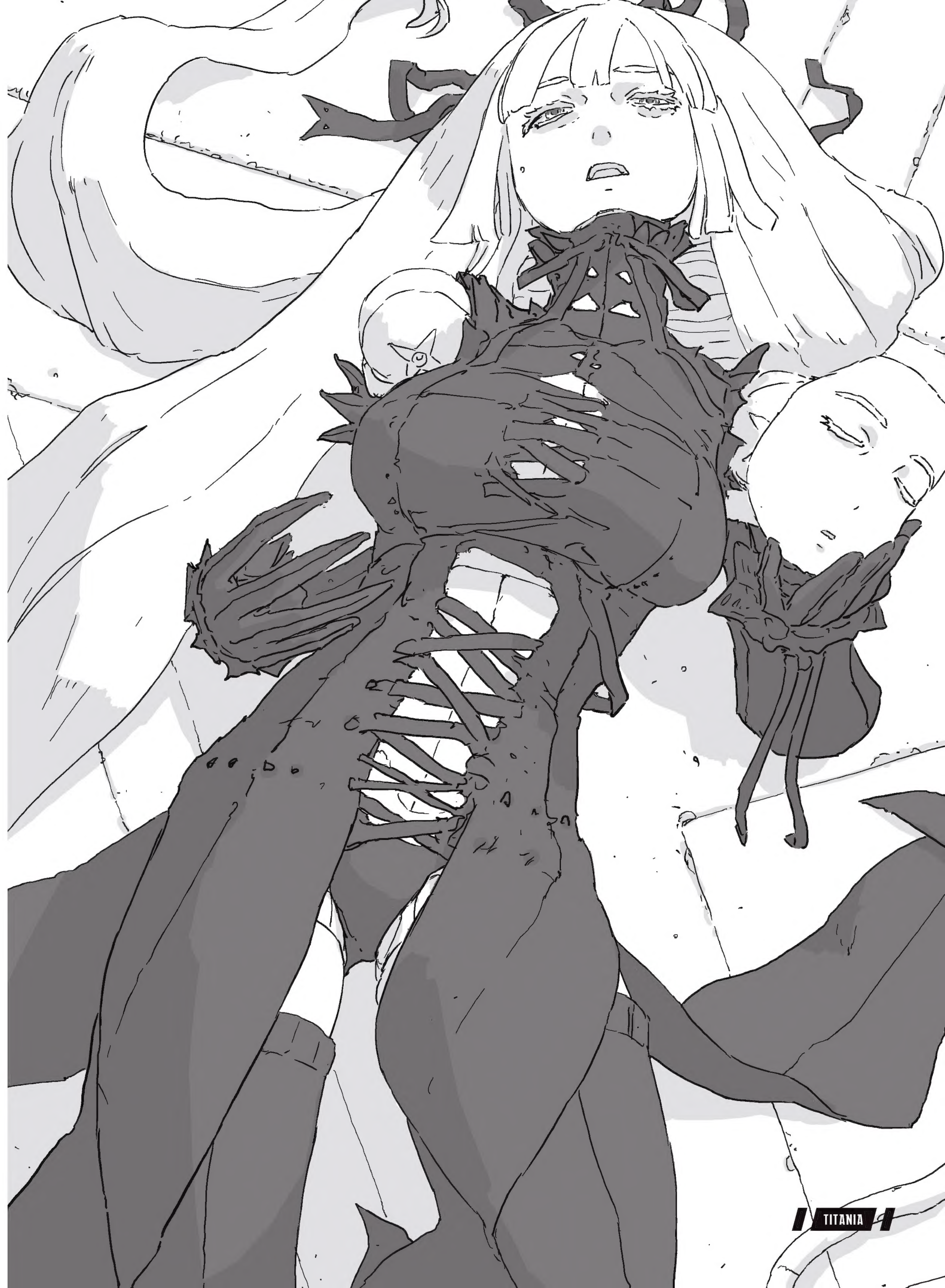


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**TSUTOMU
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PLOT AND CHARACTER INTRO

REBEDOAN EMPIRE

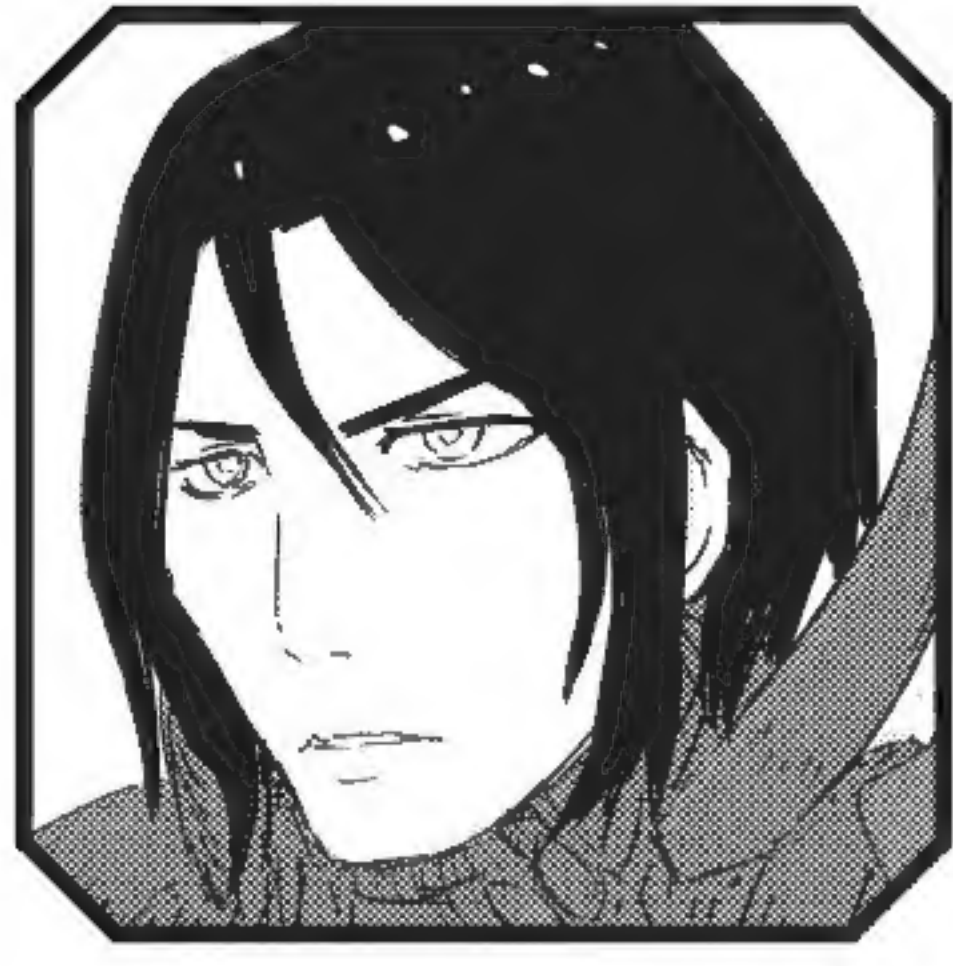
A militant state with powerful, heavily-armed forces that continues to invade various regions. Has many Regular Frames in its ranks.



NICHIKO SUOU
The Emperor of Rebedoa. Has the ability to predict the future.



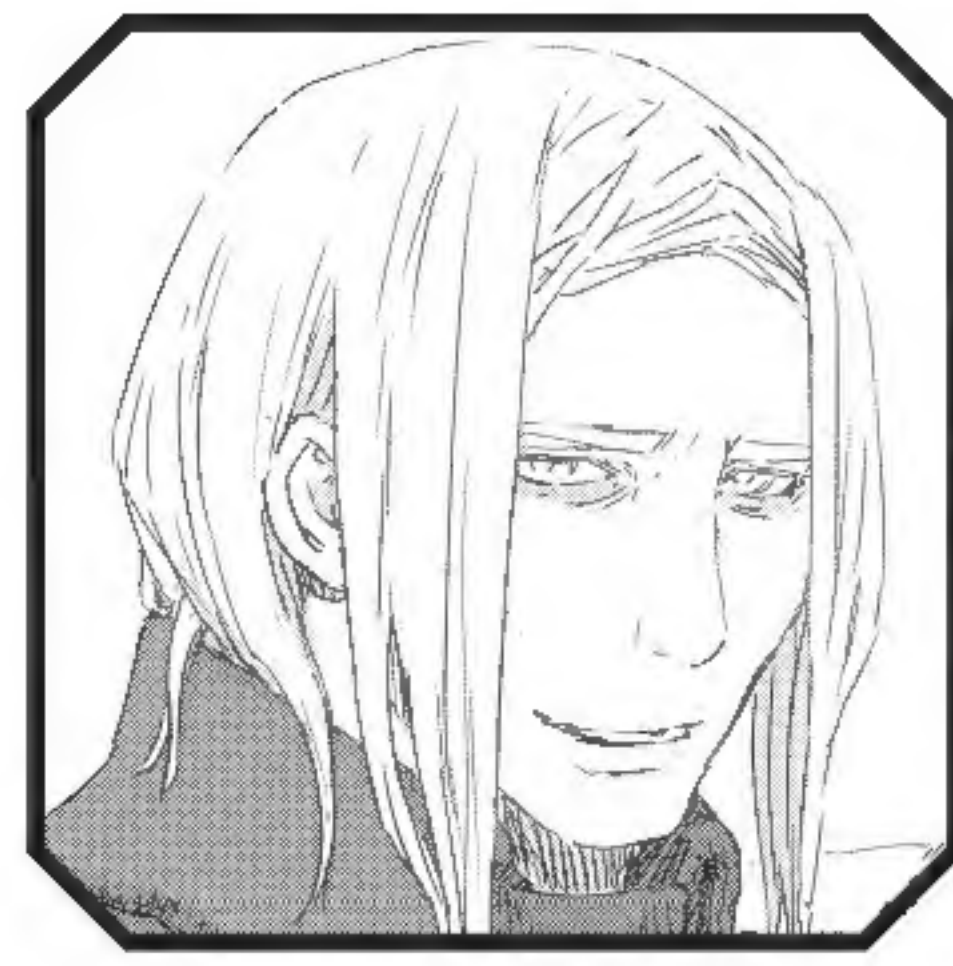
JATE
A high-level Reincarnated of the Rebedoan Empire. Has the ability to manipulate Automatons.



TOSU
A high-level Reincarnated of the Rebedoan Empire. Has the ability to manipulate metal.



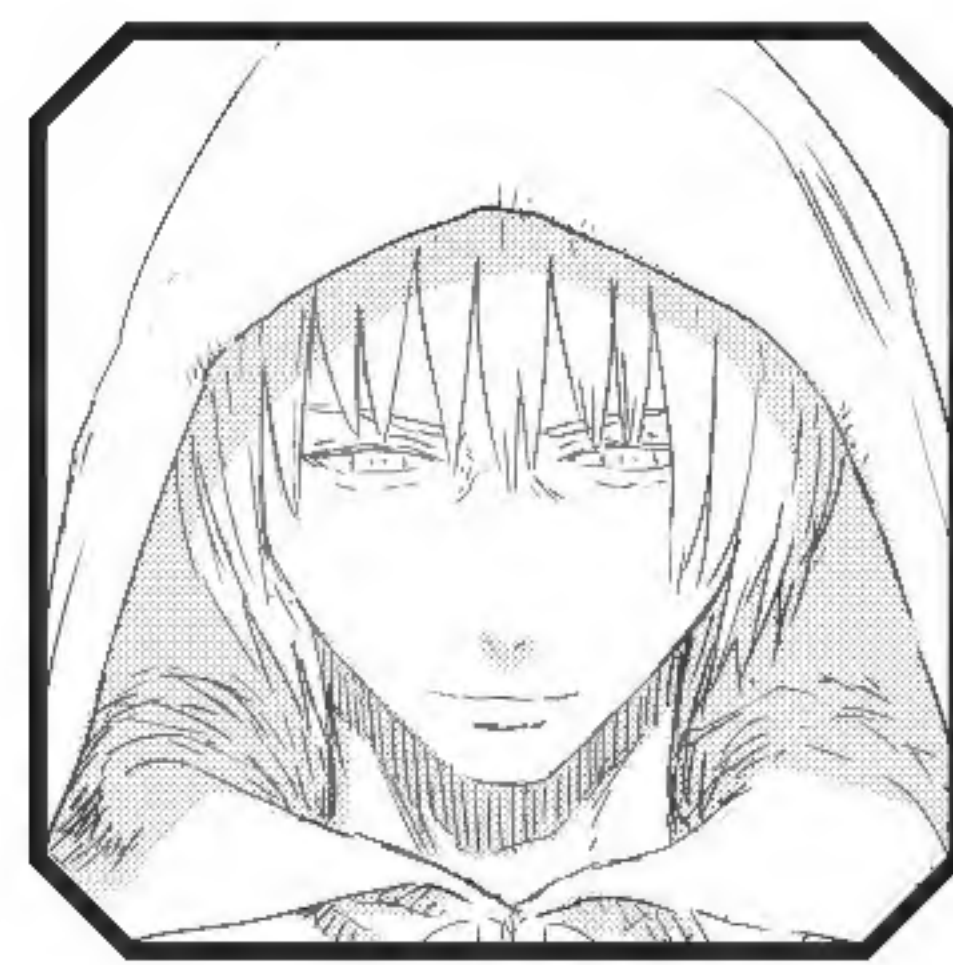
AJATE
A clone of Jate created via artificial Code. She looks like a giant version of Jate.



RINAI
Reincarnated. An old friend of Jate's. Has the ability to transfer matter.

TRUE CORE CHURCH

Organization created by Kajiwan to gather those afflicted with Frame disease. Bestows certain sufferers with knowledge and power, turning them into "Regenerates." Views both the Empire and humans as enemies.



KAJIWAN
The last King of Irf Nikk. Using the powers of the mysterious Frame created from Titania's stolen arm, he became a Regular Frame himself. Has the ability to produce fireballs.

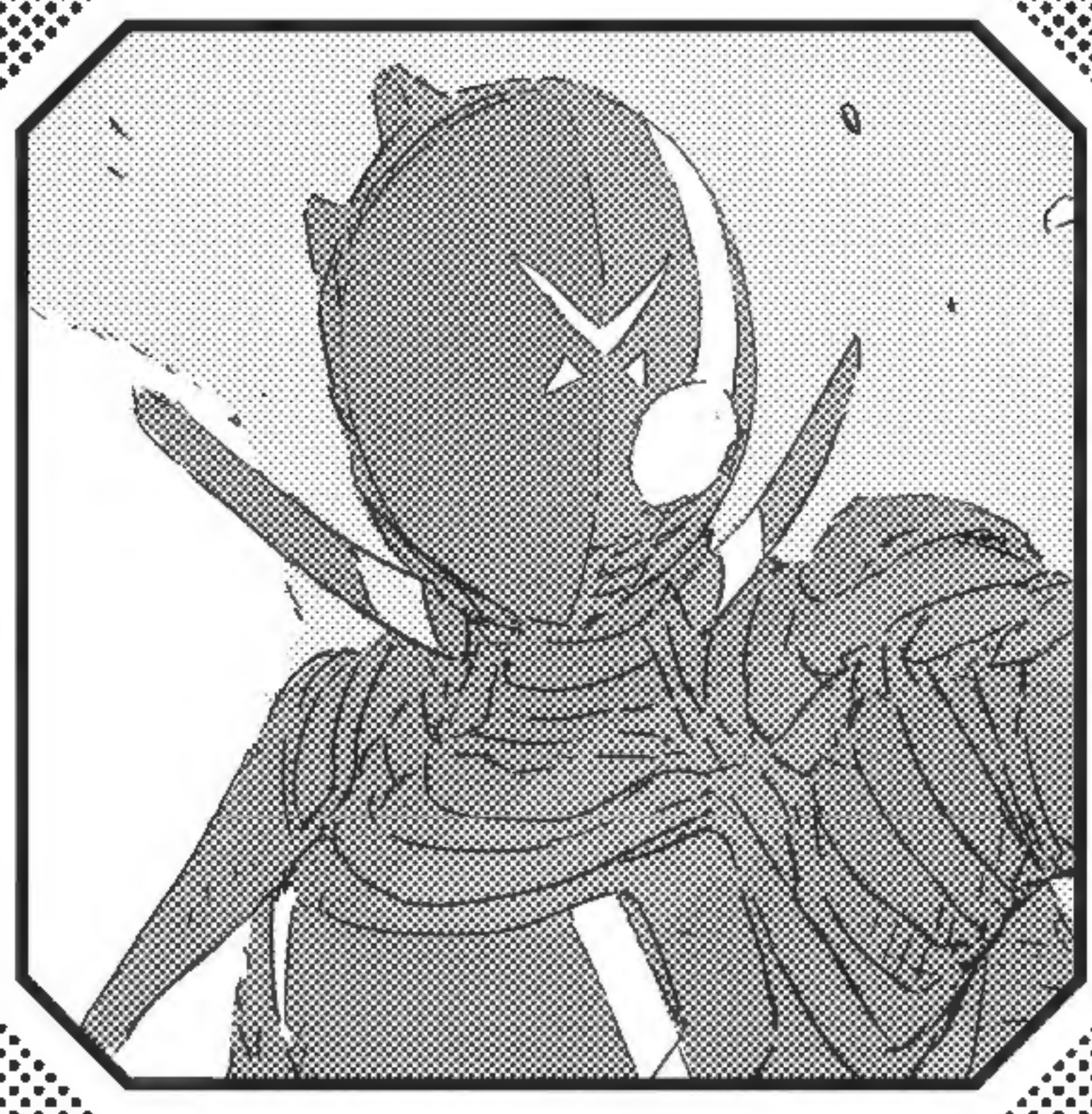


JINATA
Regenerated member of the True Core Church. Her only power is the ability to fight back against Regular Frames.

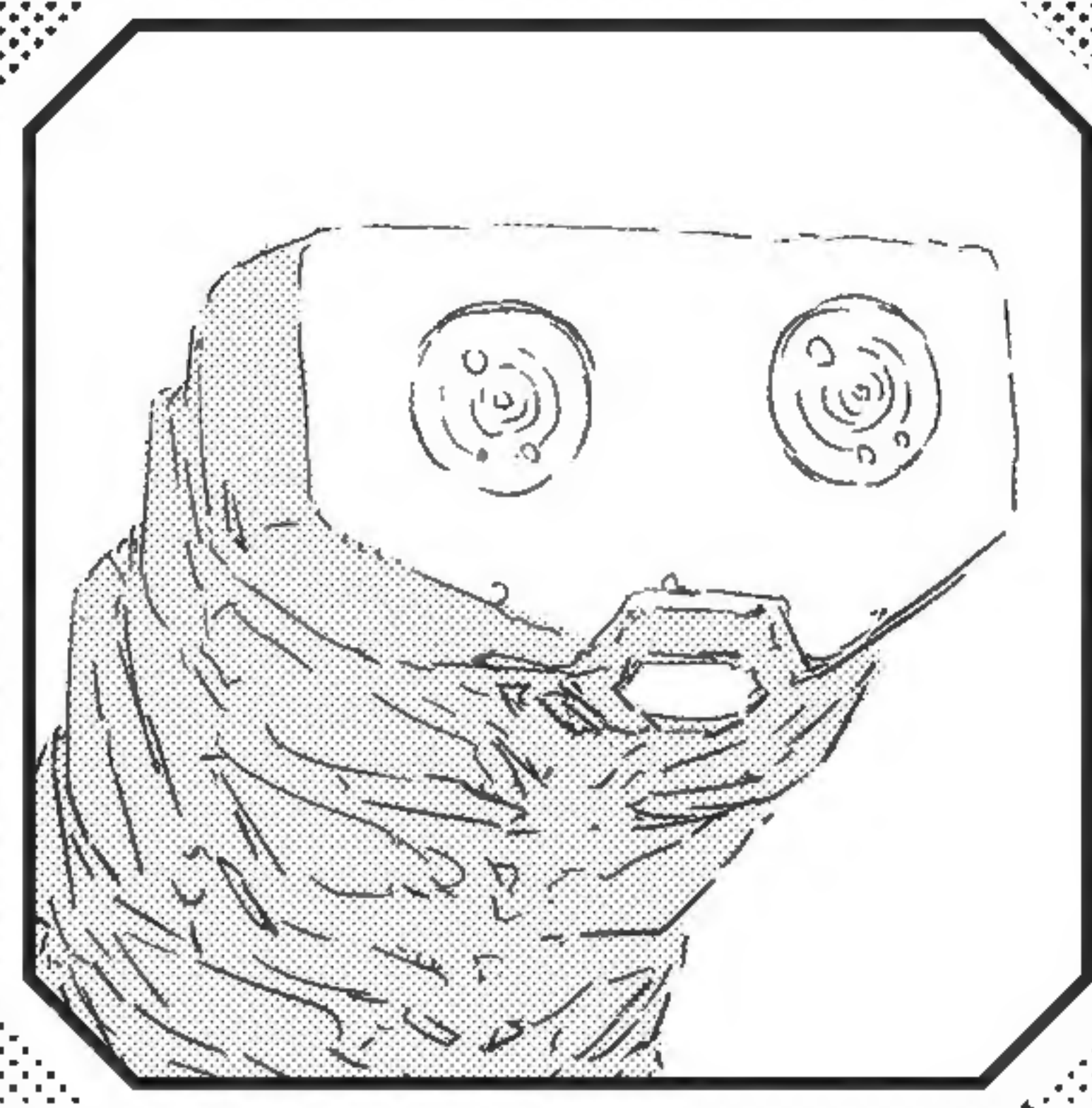
Previously

Imperial soldiers took Wasabu hostage in order to force Etherow to negotiate. However, Dokobu of the Execution Squad takes over their ship. When Etherow becomes distraught over his friend being captured, Titania—in a voice unlike any she has used before—tells Etherow she can grant him three wishes. But just then, Wasabu reappears, badly injured by the torture he endured at the hands of the Empire...

ETHEROW AND HIS PARTY



ETHEROW
Became a Regular Frame with Titania's help. Master marksman. Badly injured when Ume fell, but then recovered.



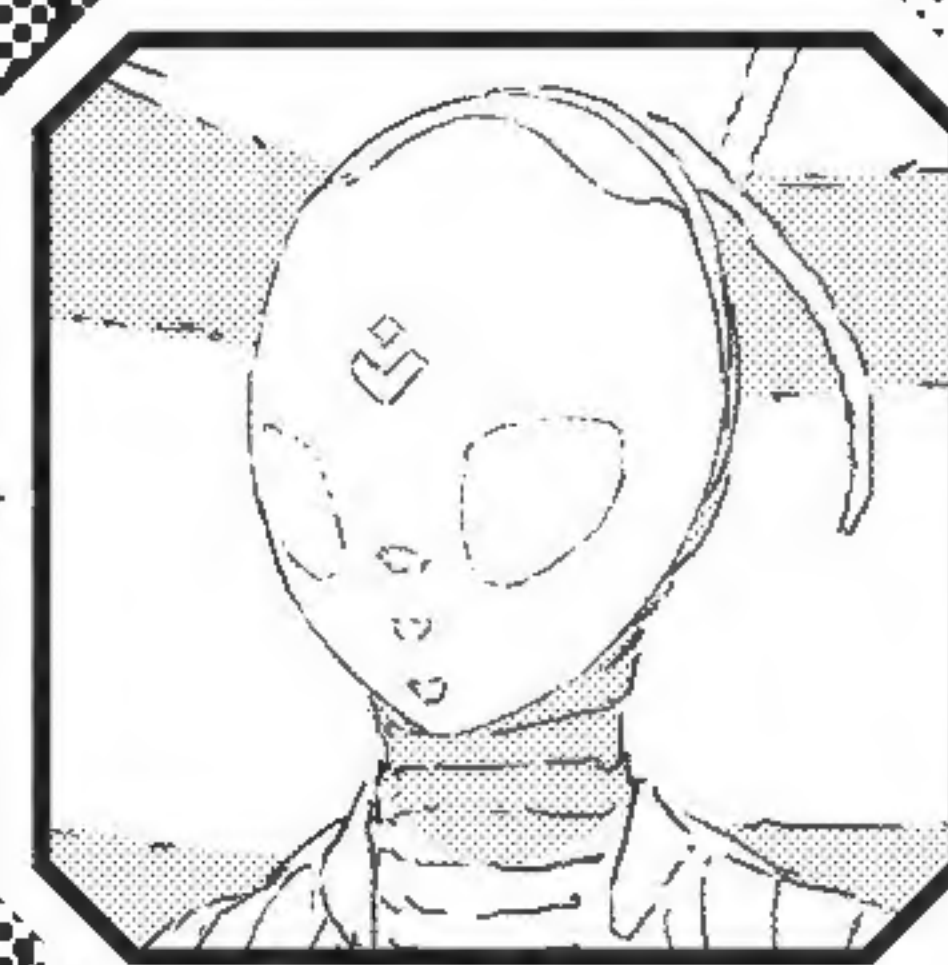
TITANIA
An Automaton with two forms. She is able to read the thoughts of humans and Frames via touch.



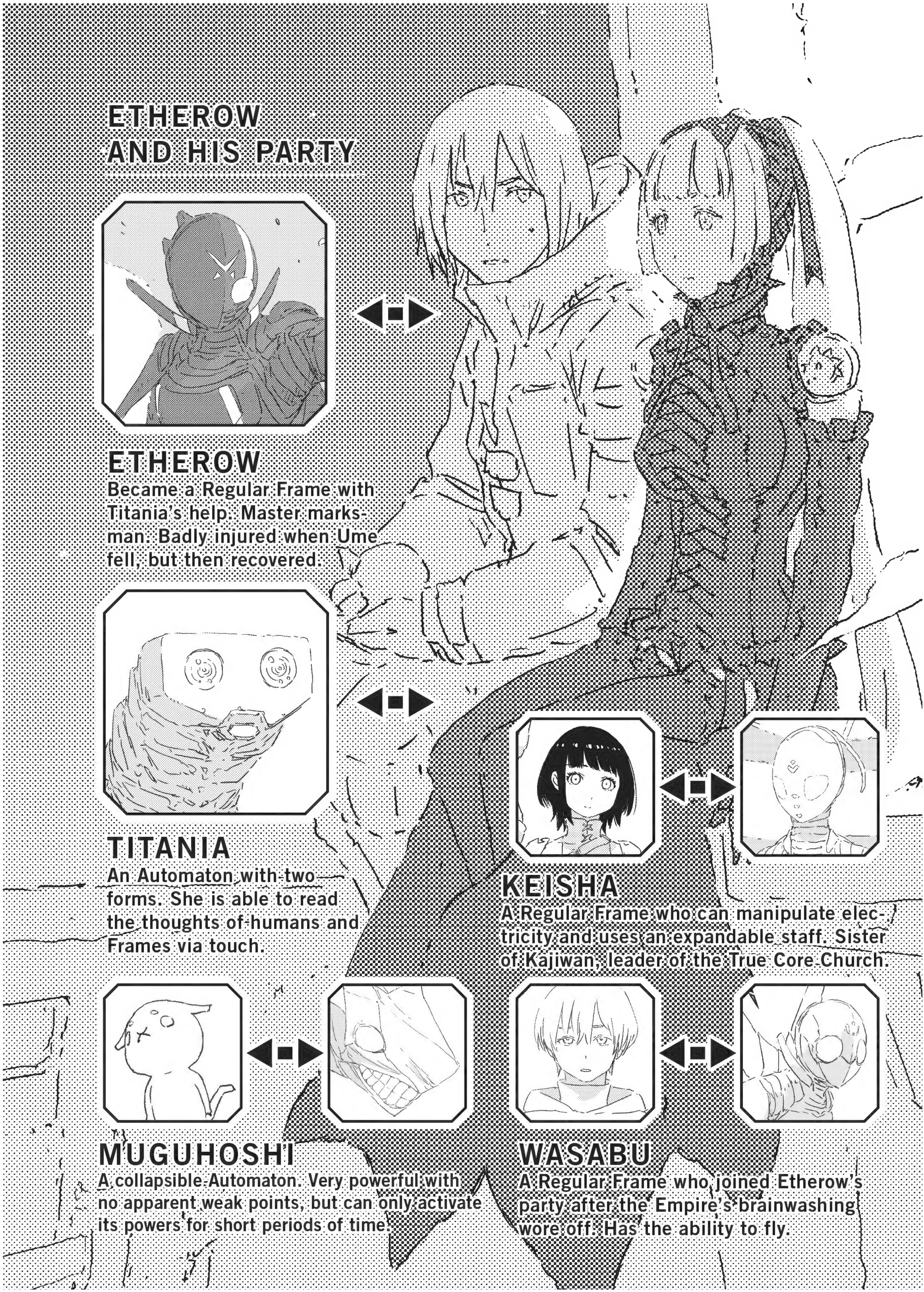
MUGUHOSHI
A collapsible Automaton. Very powerful with no apparent weak points, but can only activate its powers for short periods of time.



KEISHA
A Regular Frame who can manipulate electricity and uses an expandable staff. Sister of Kajiwan, leader of the True Core Church.



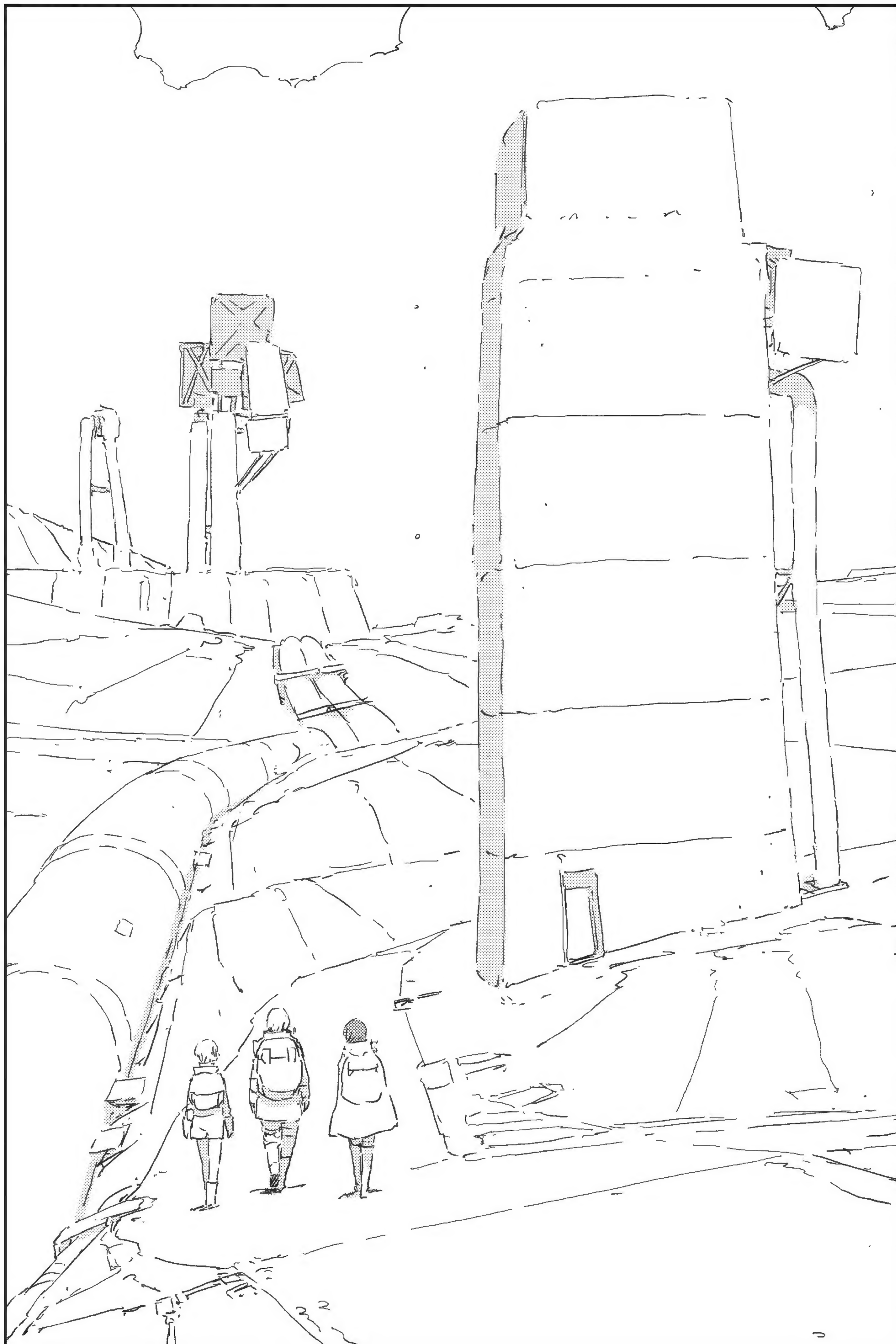
WASABU
A Regular Frame who joined Etherow's party after the Empire's brainwashing wore off. Has the ability to fly.

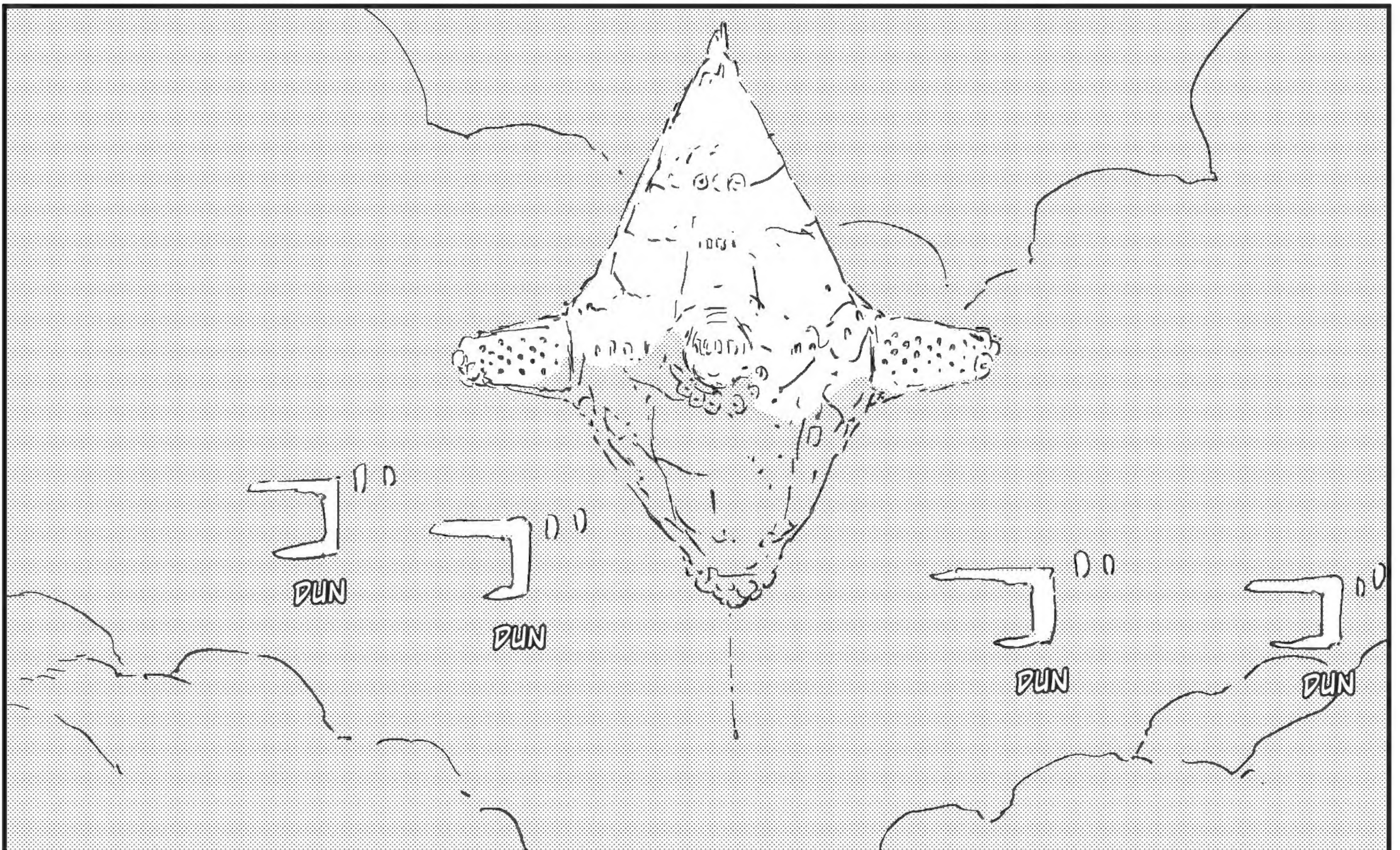
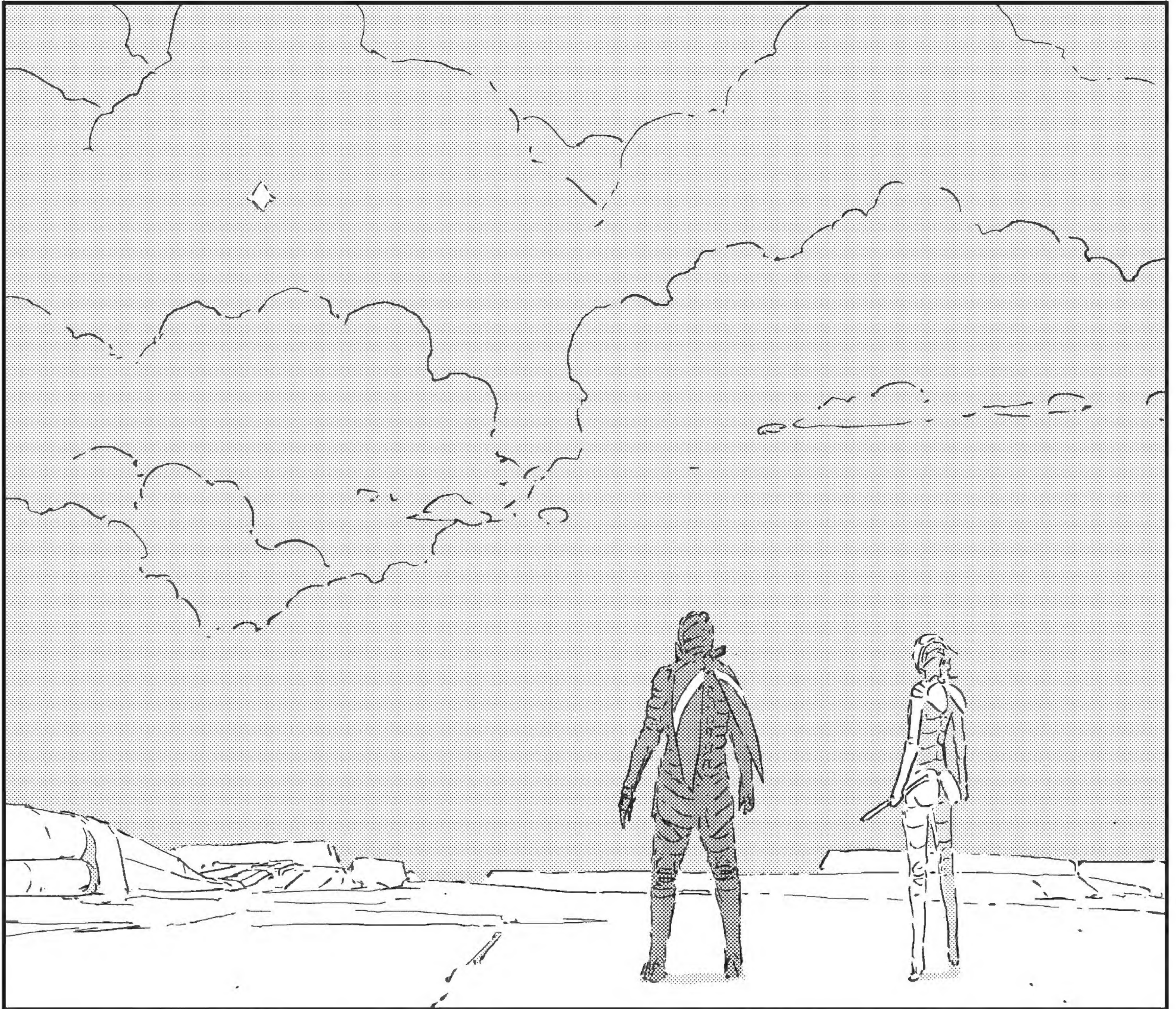


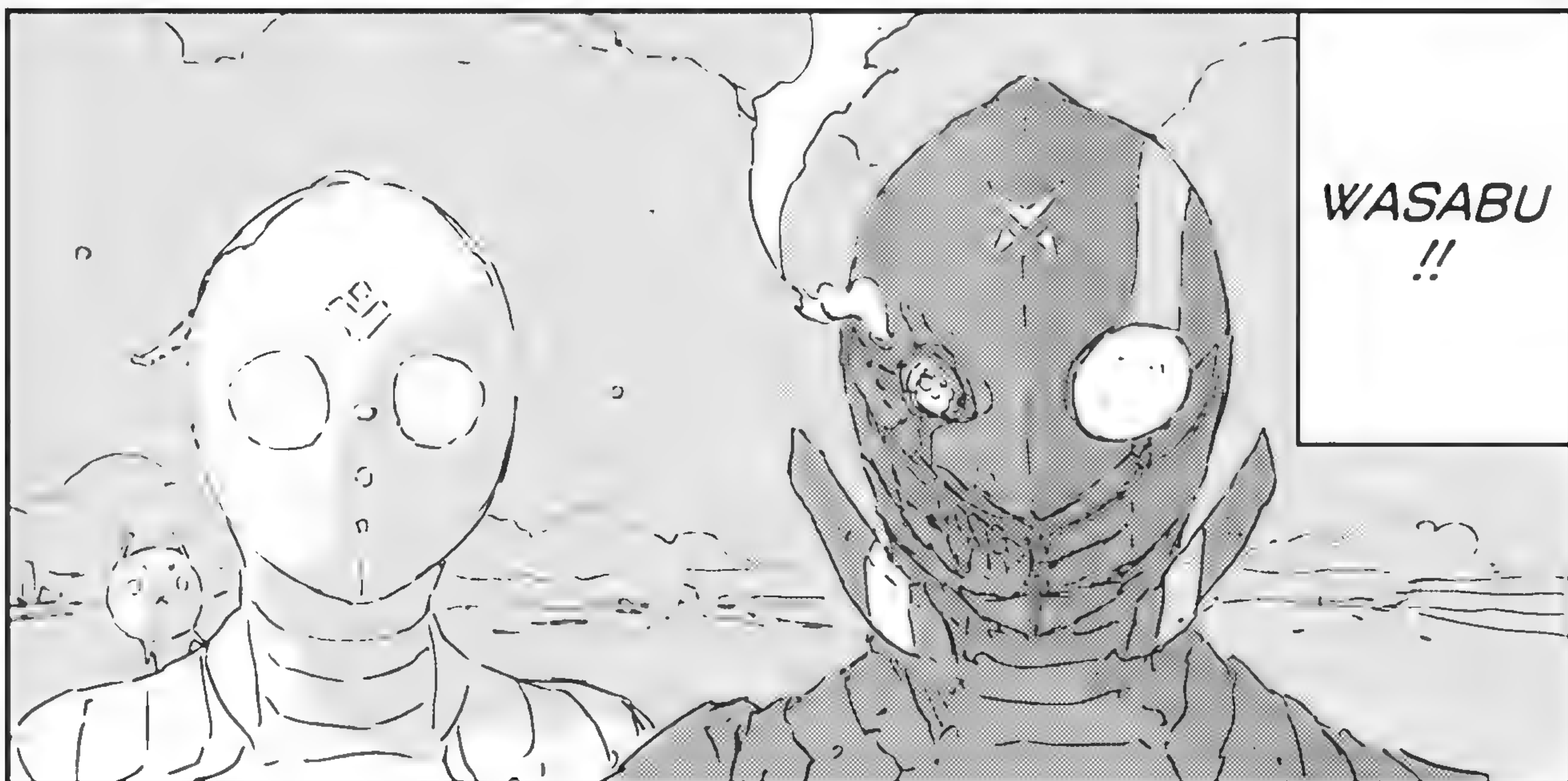
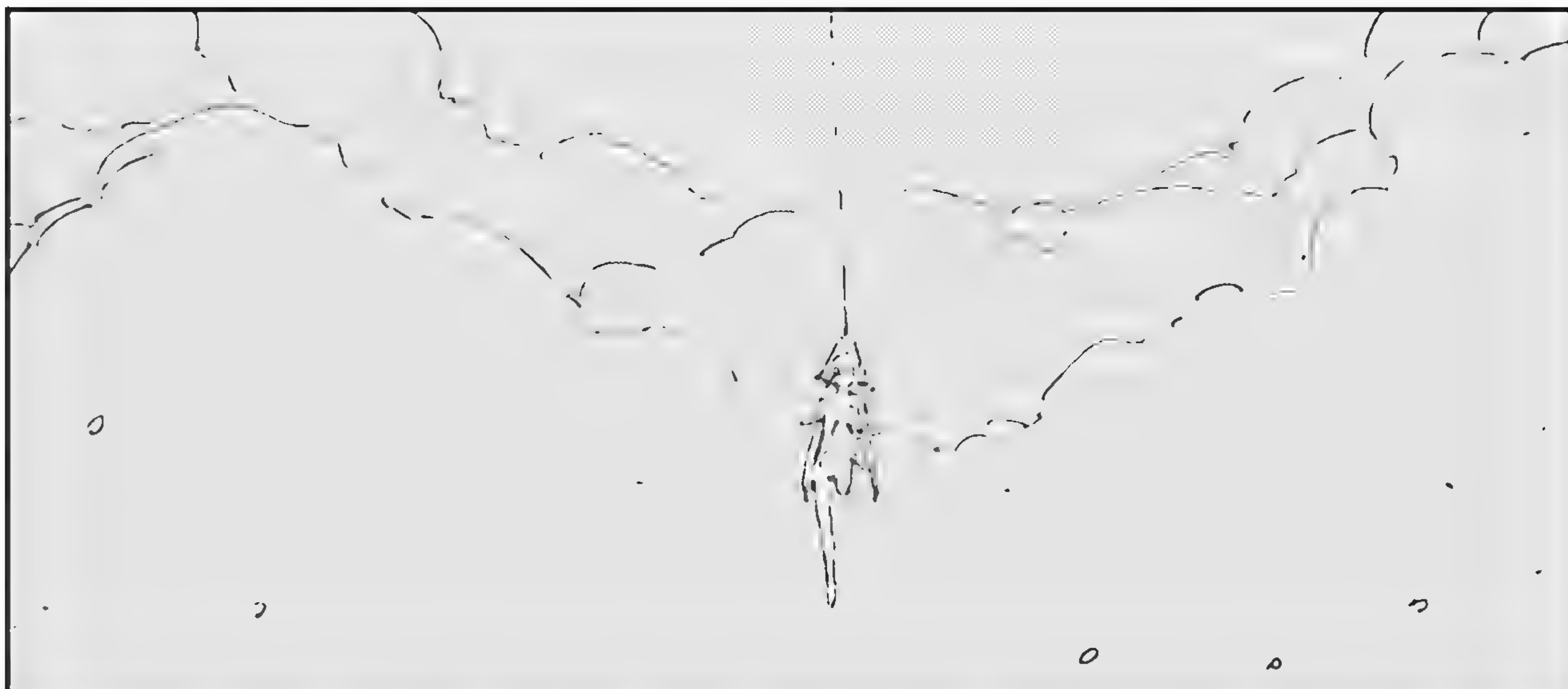
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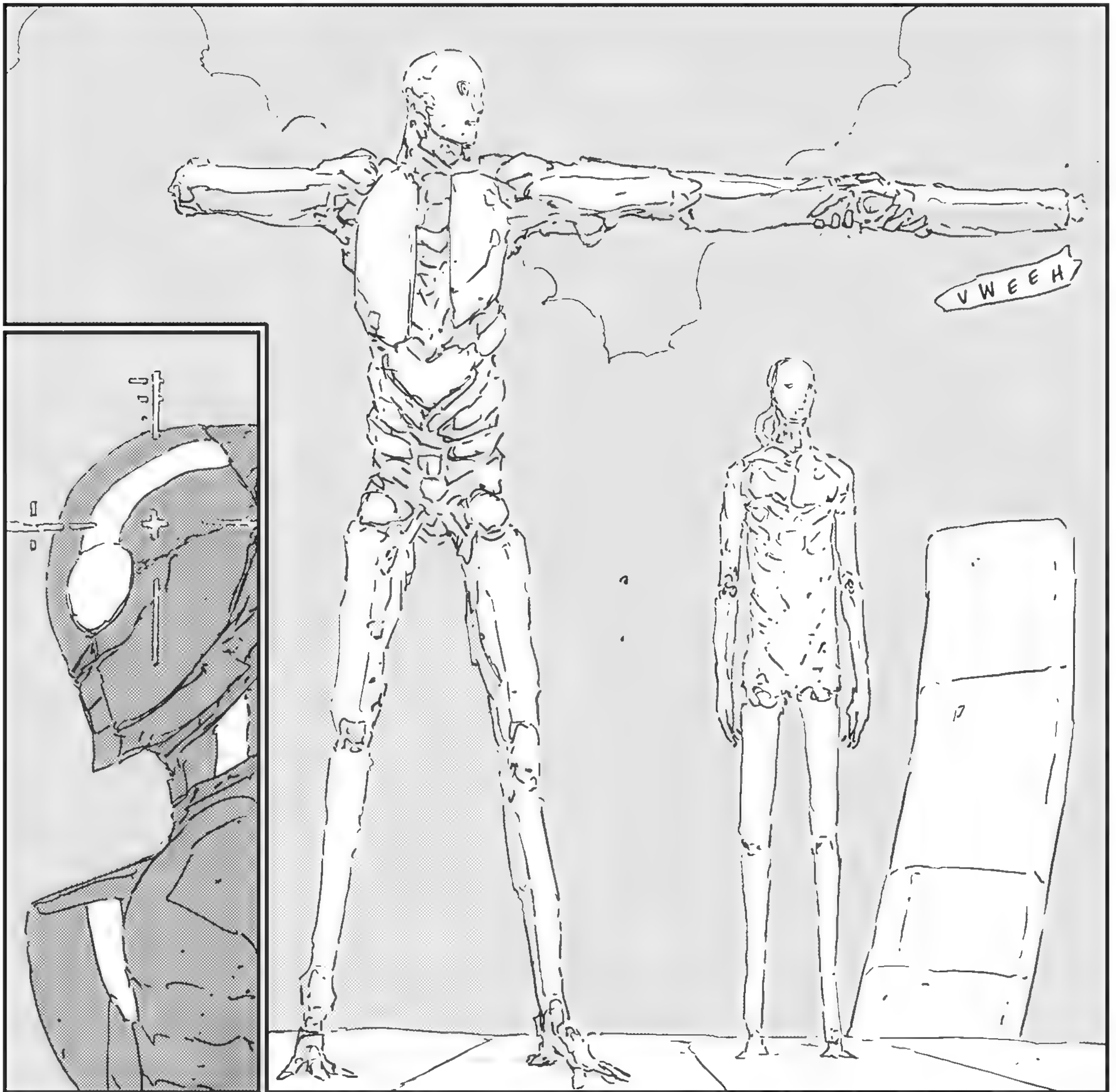
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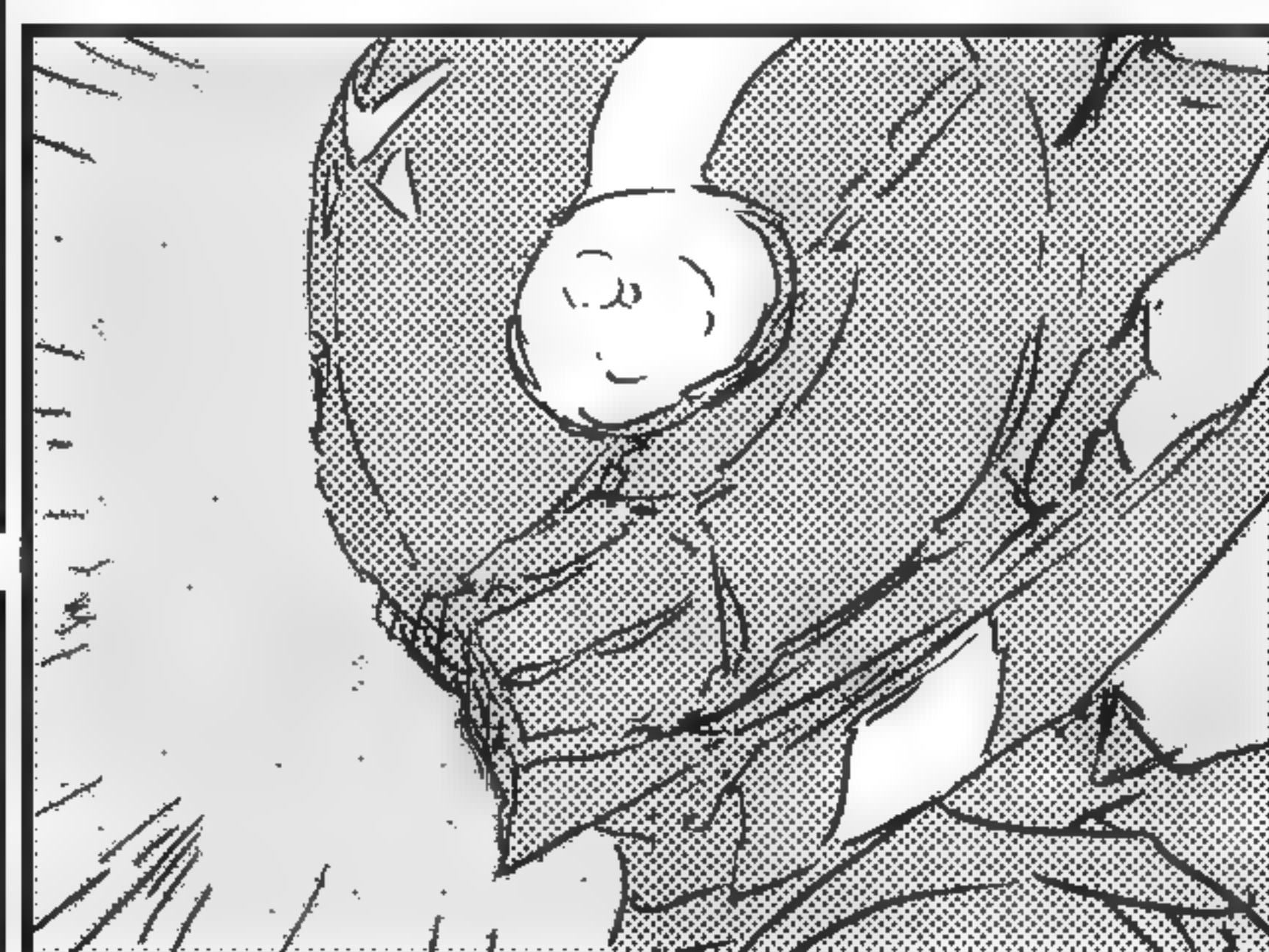
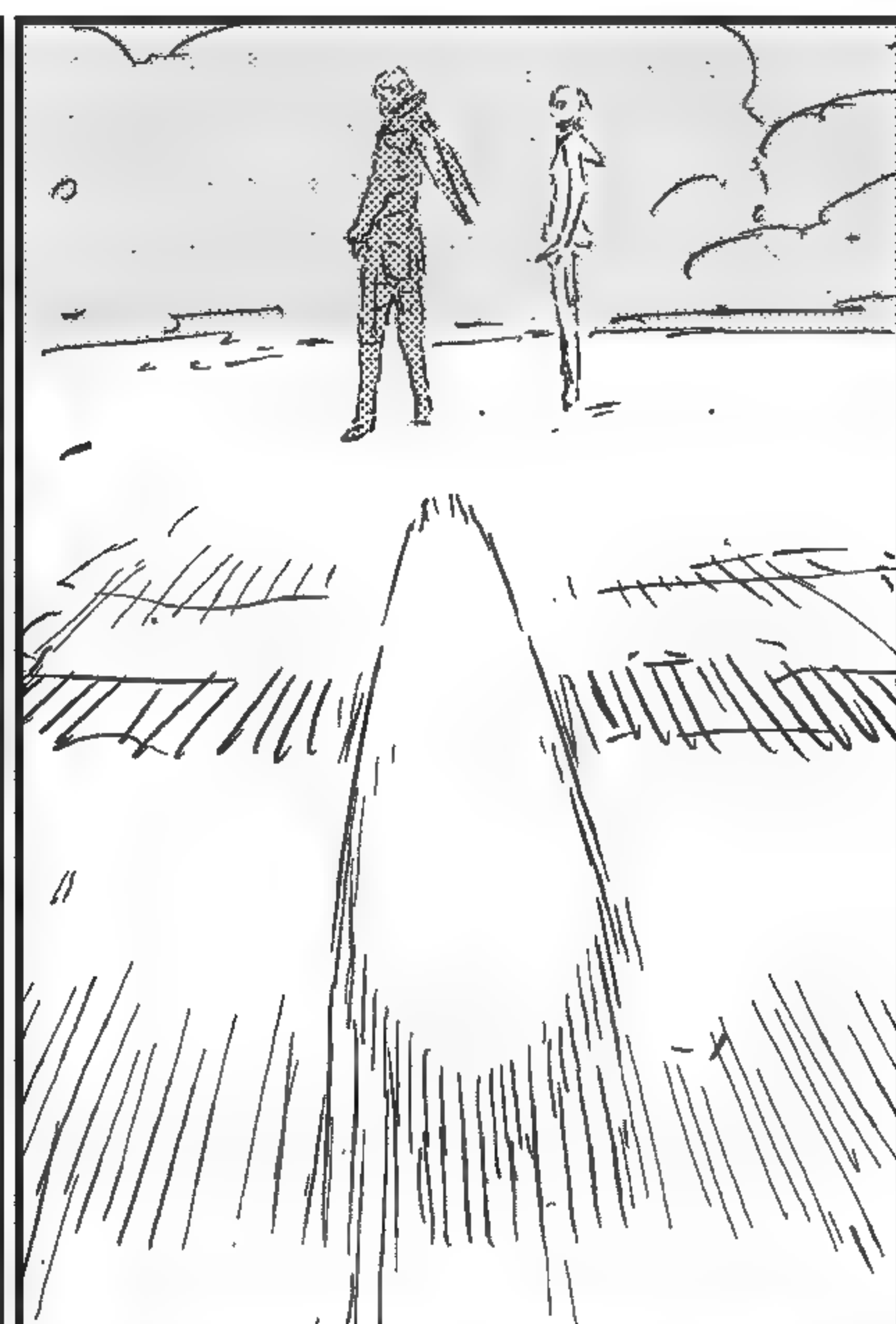
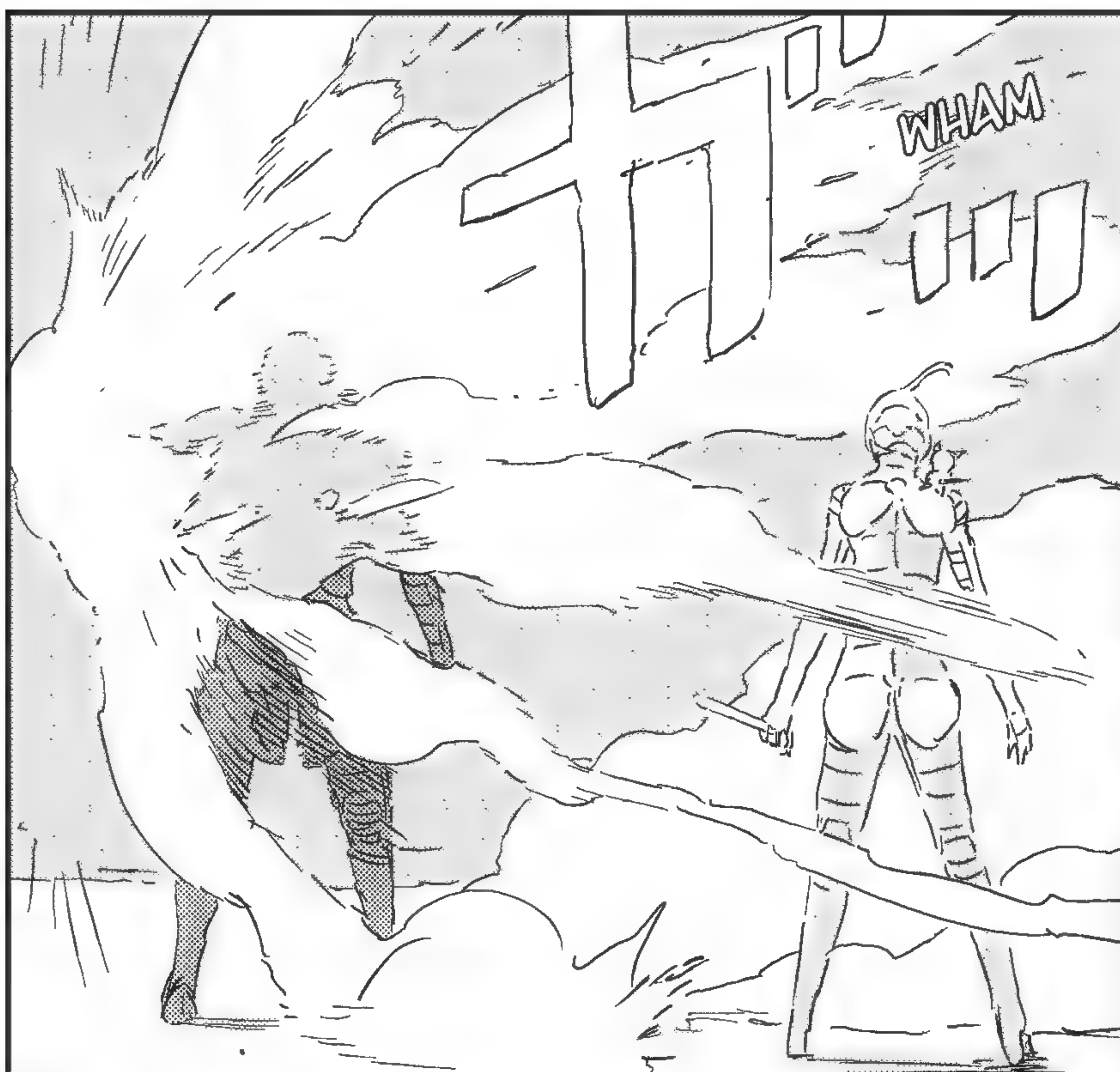
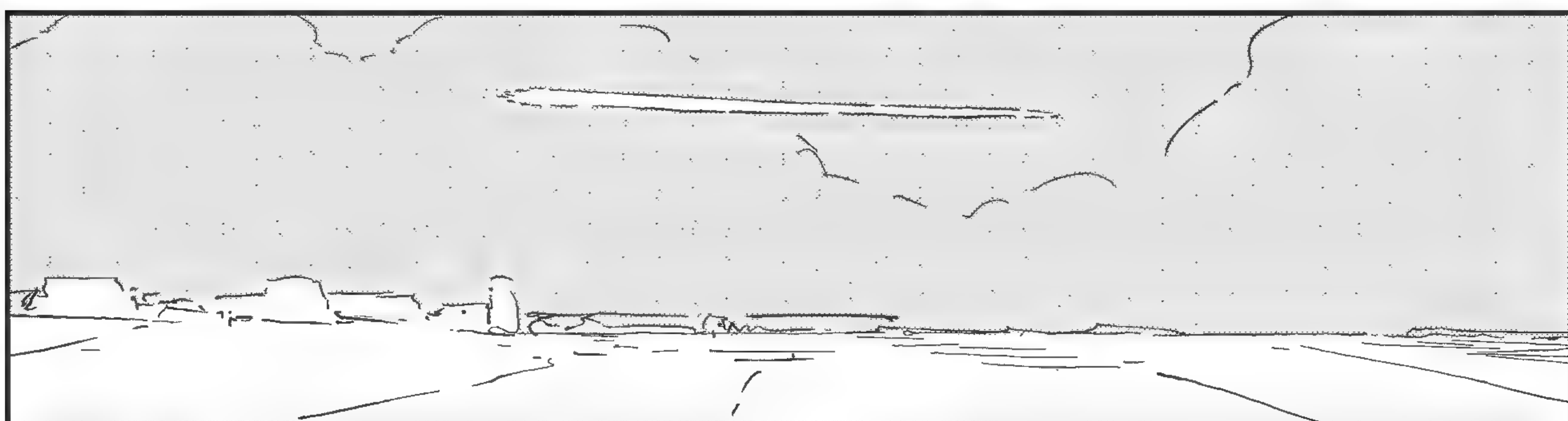
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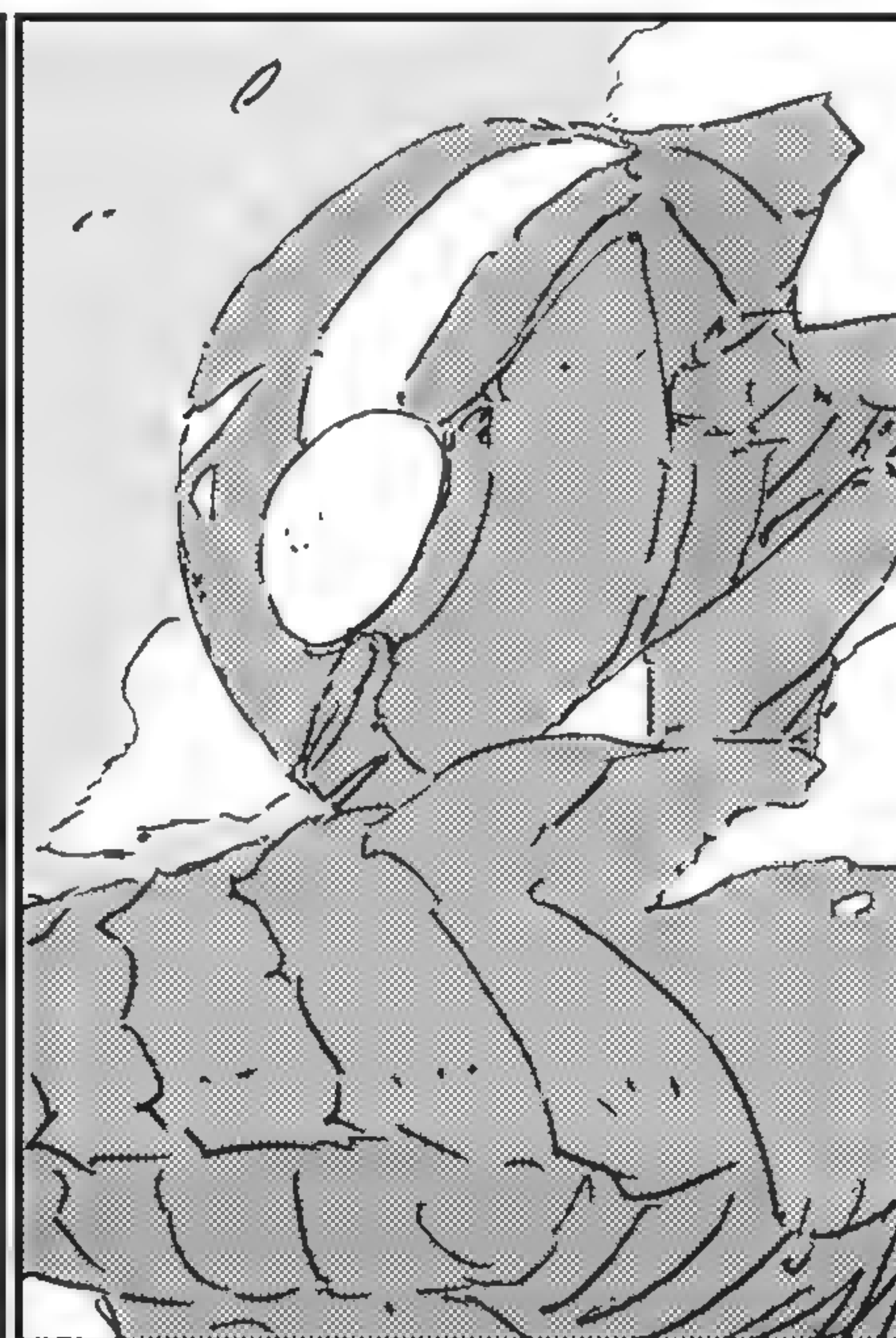
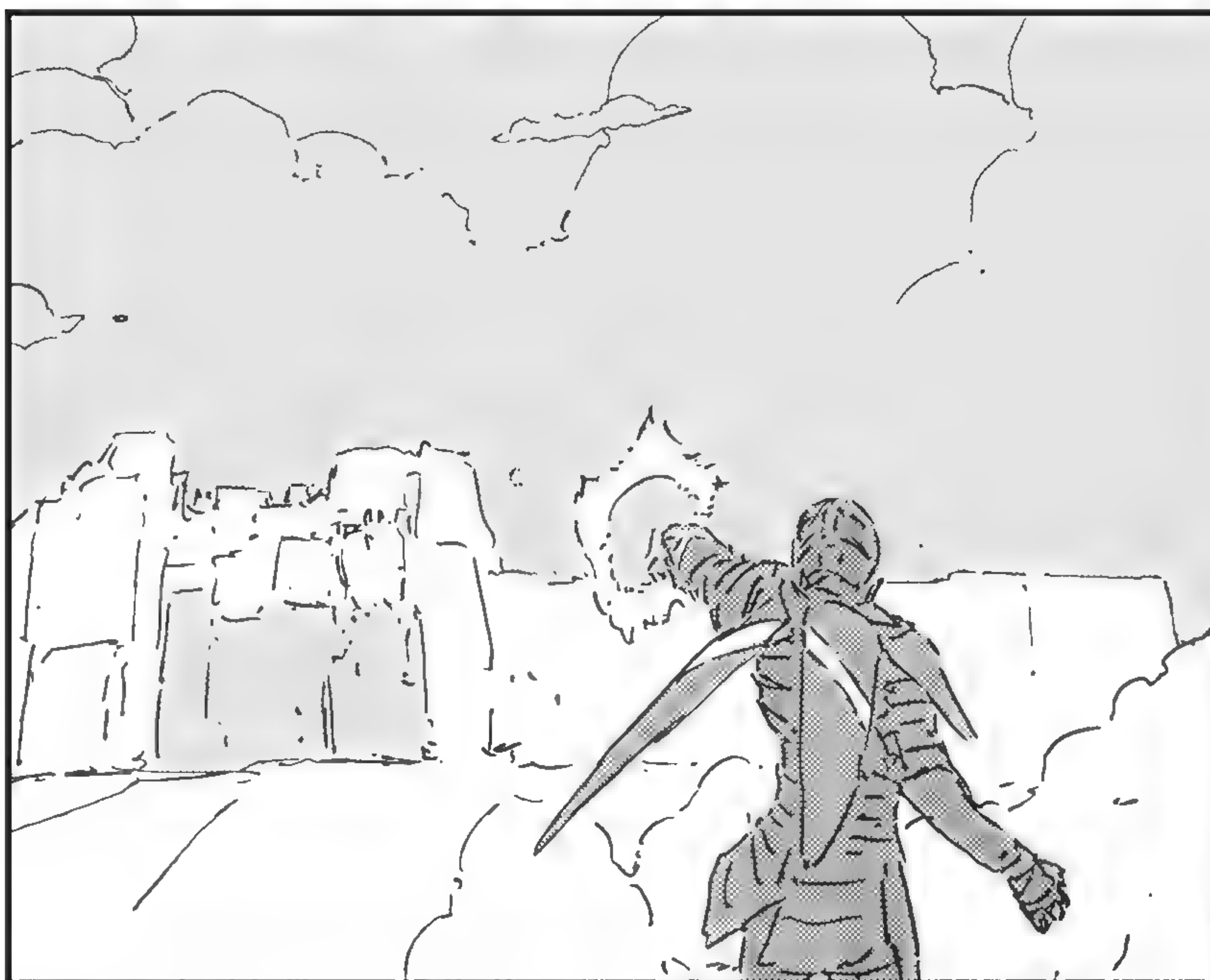
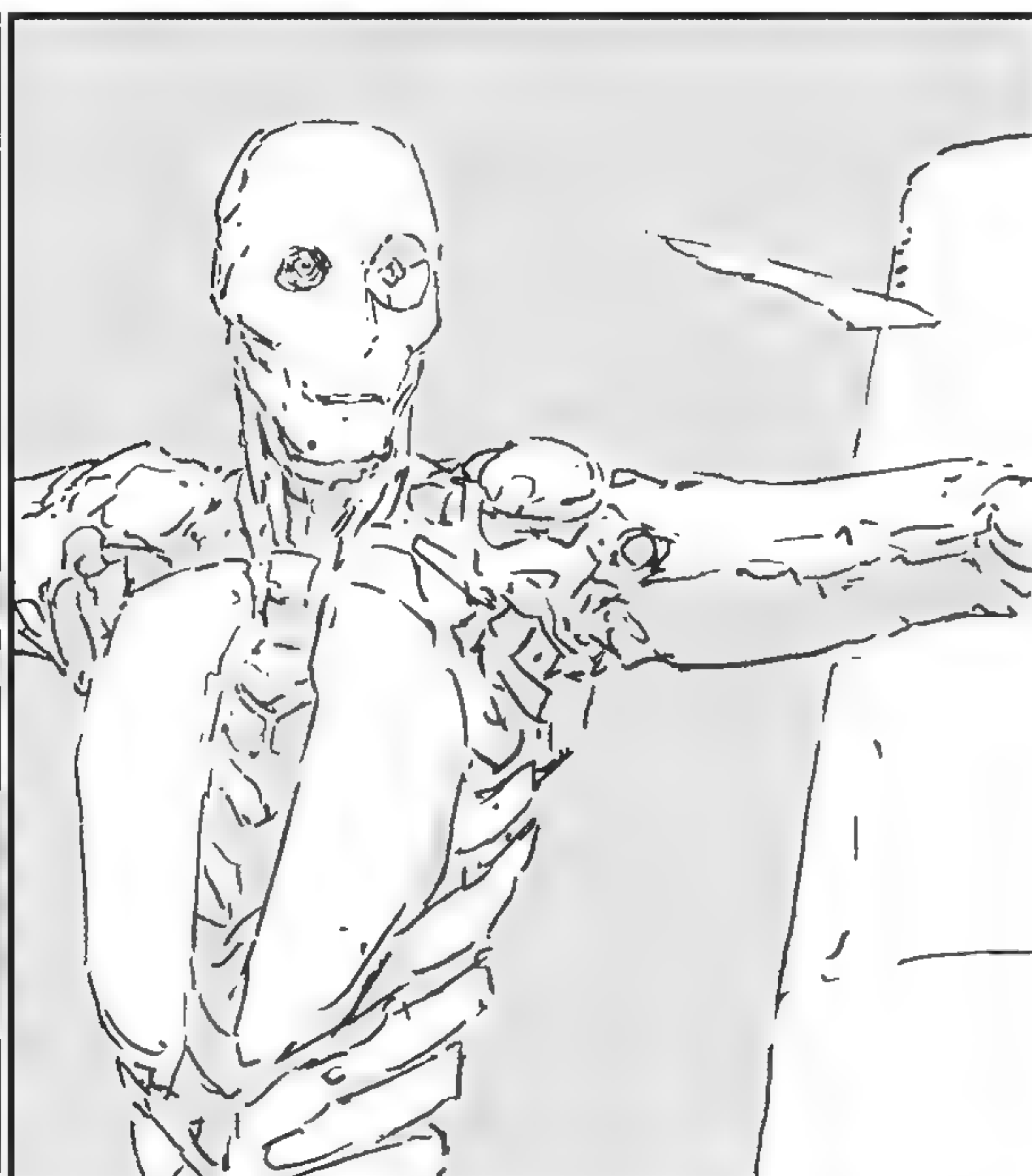
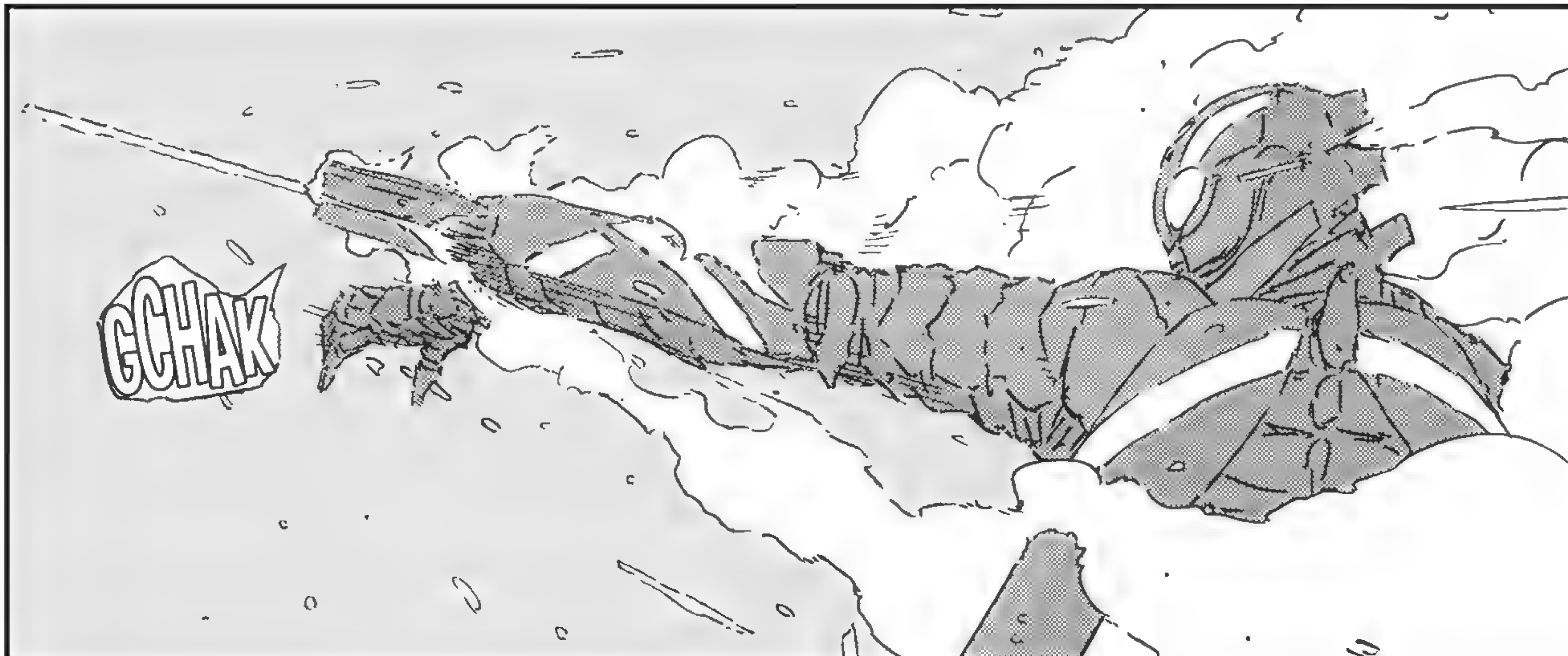


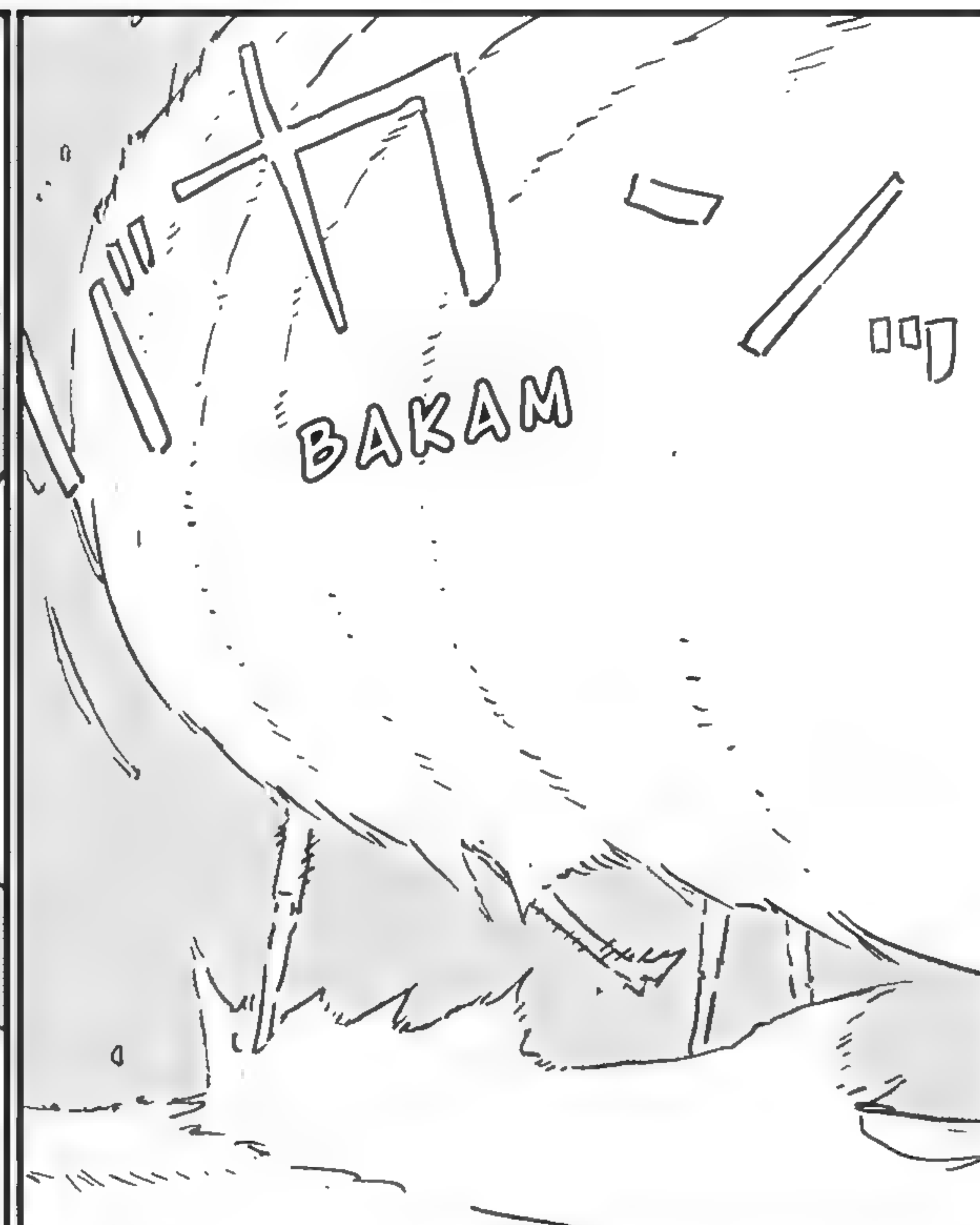
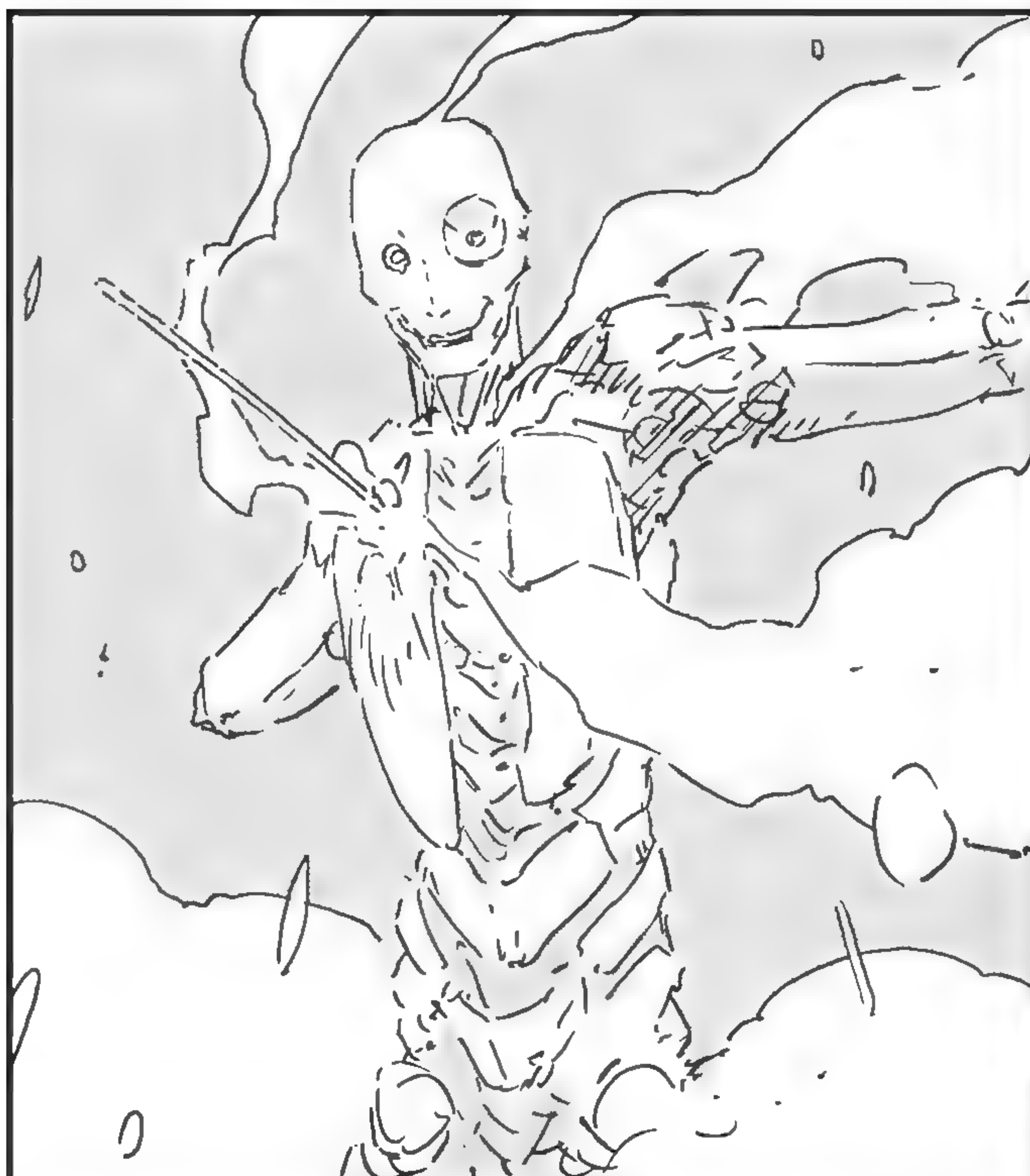


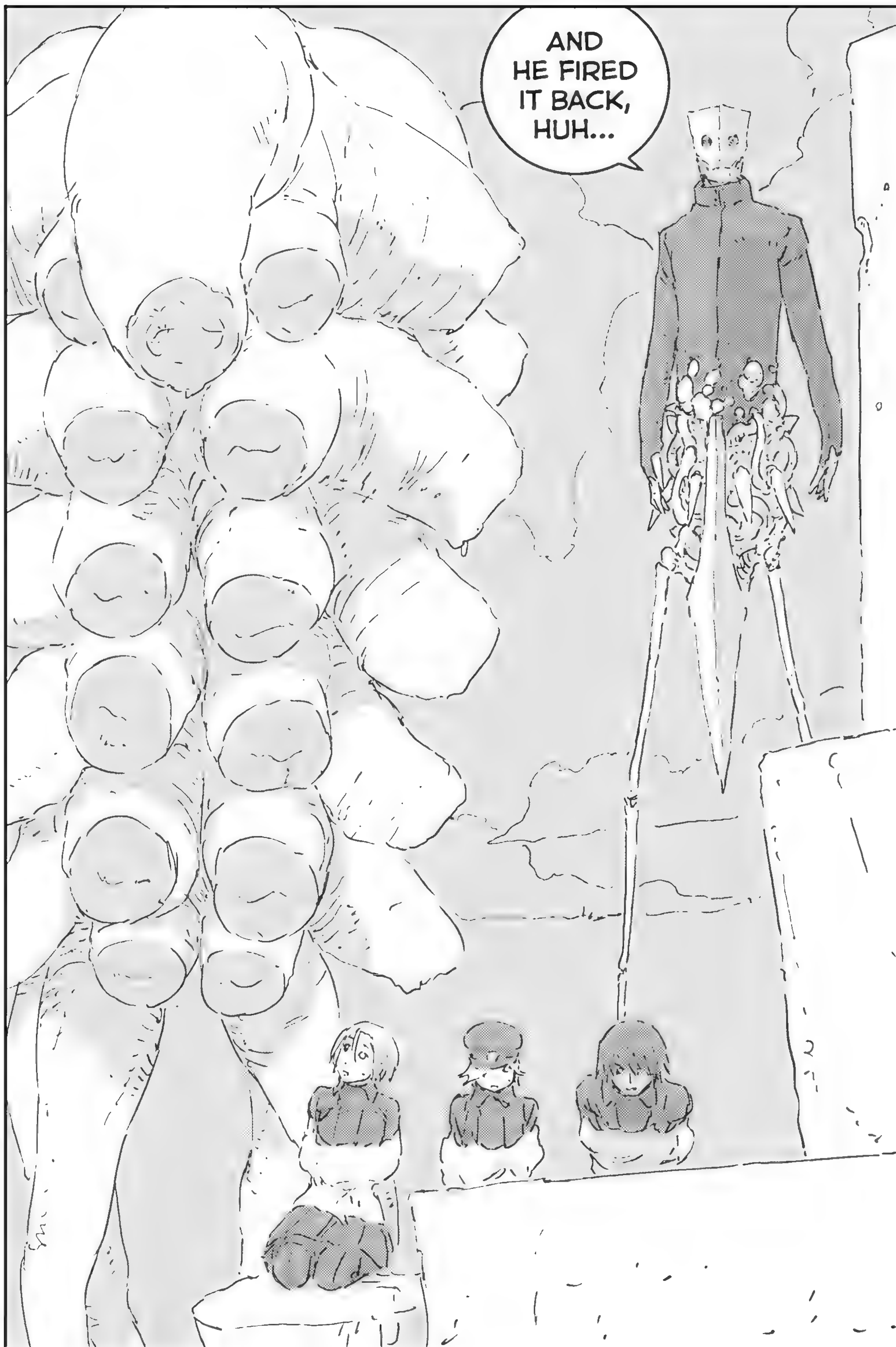


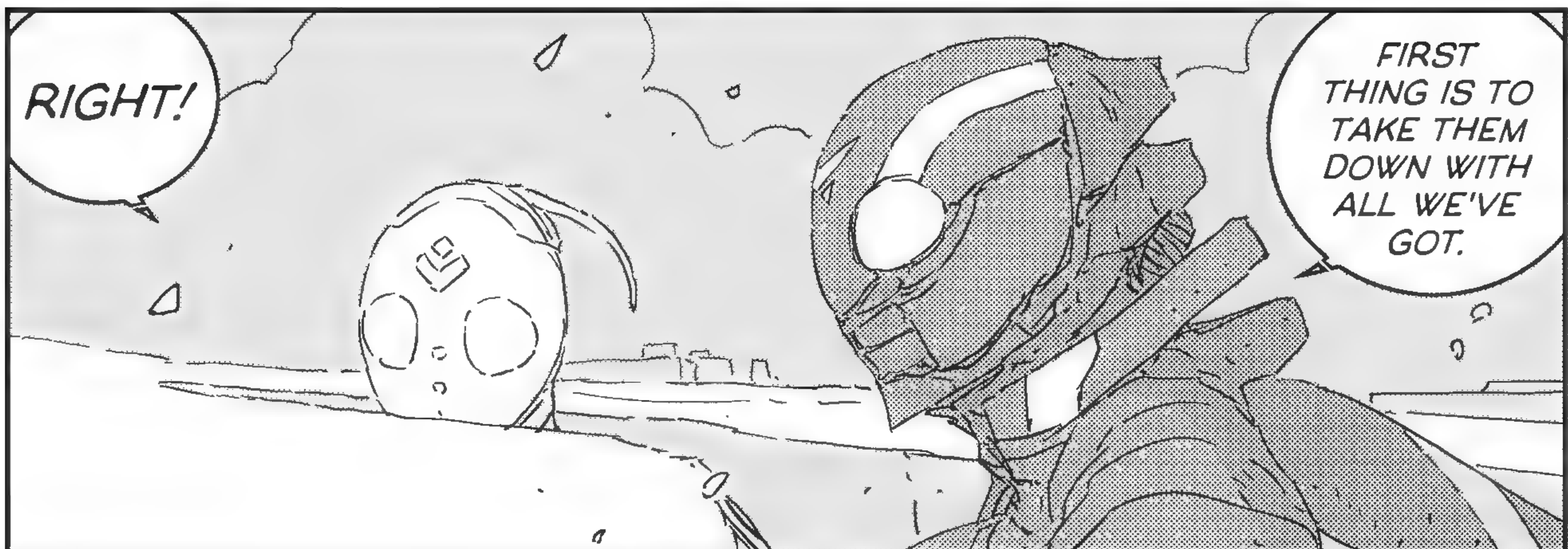
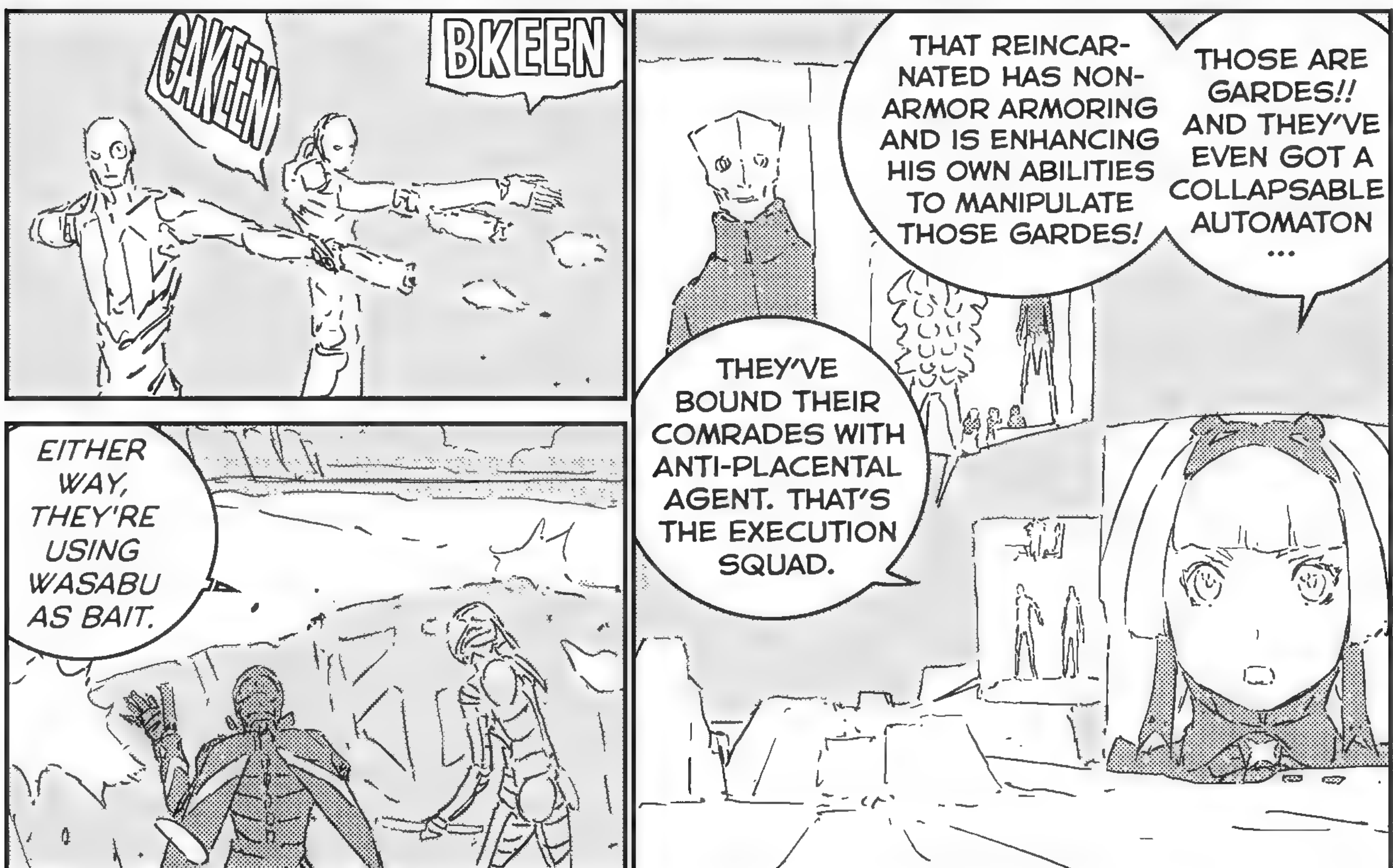


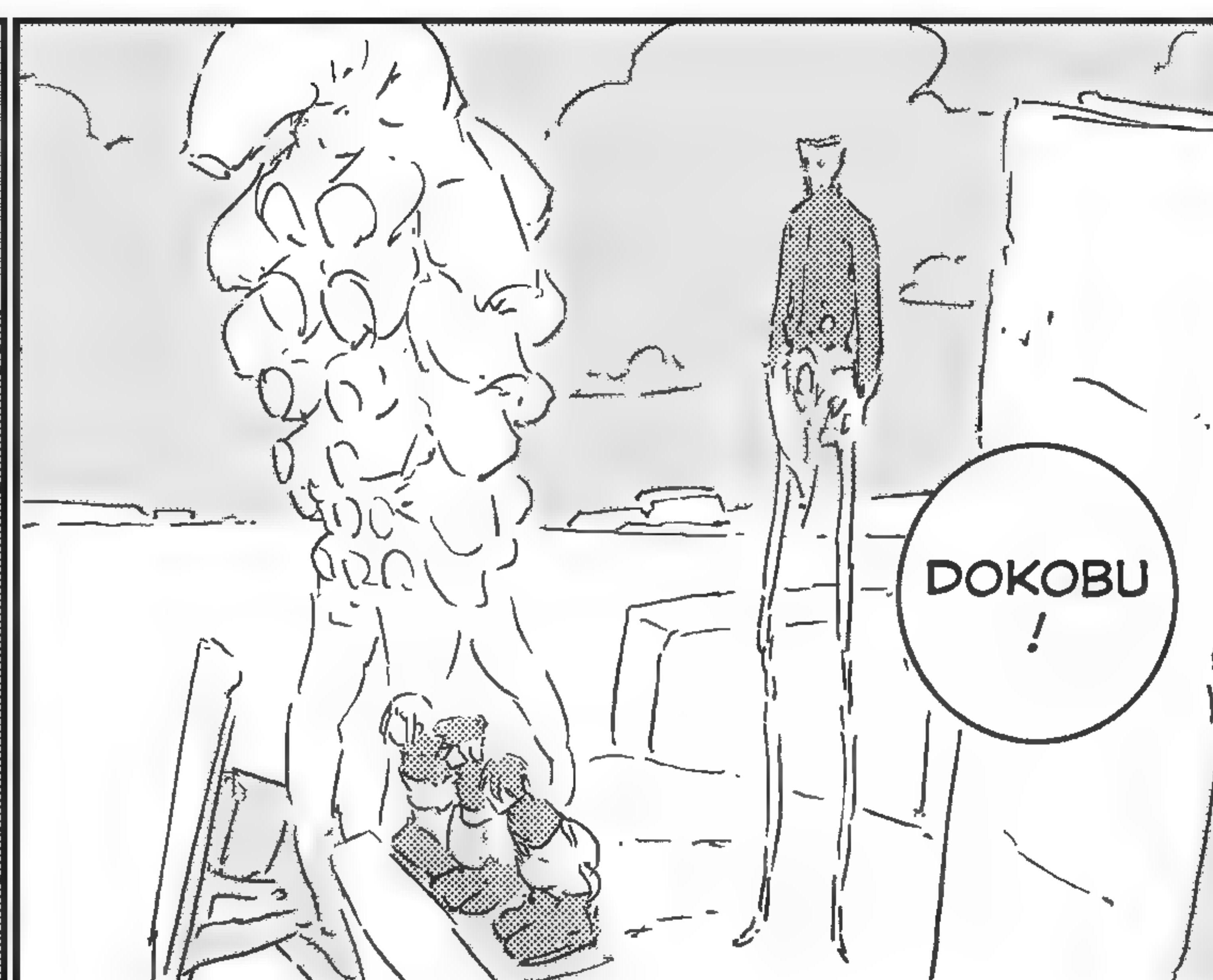
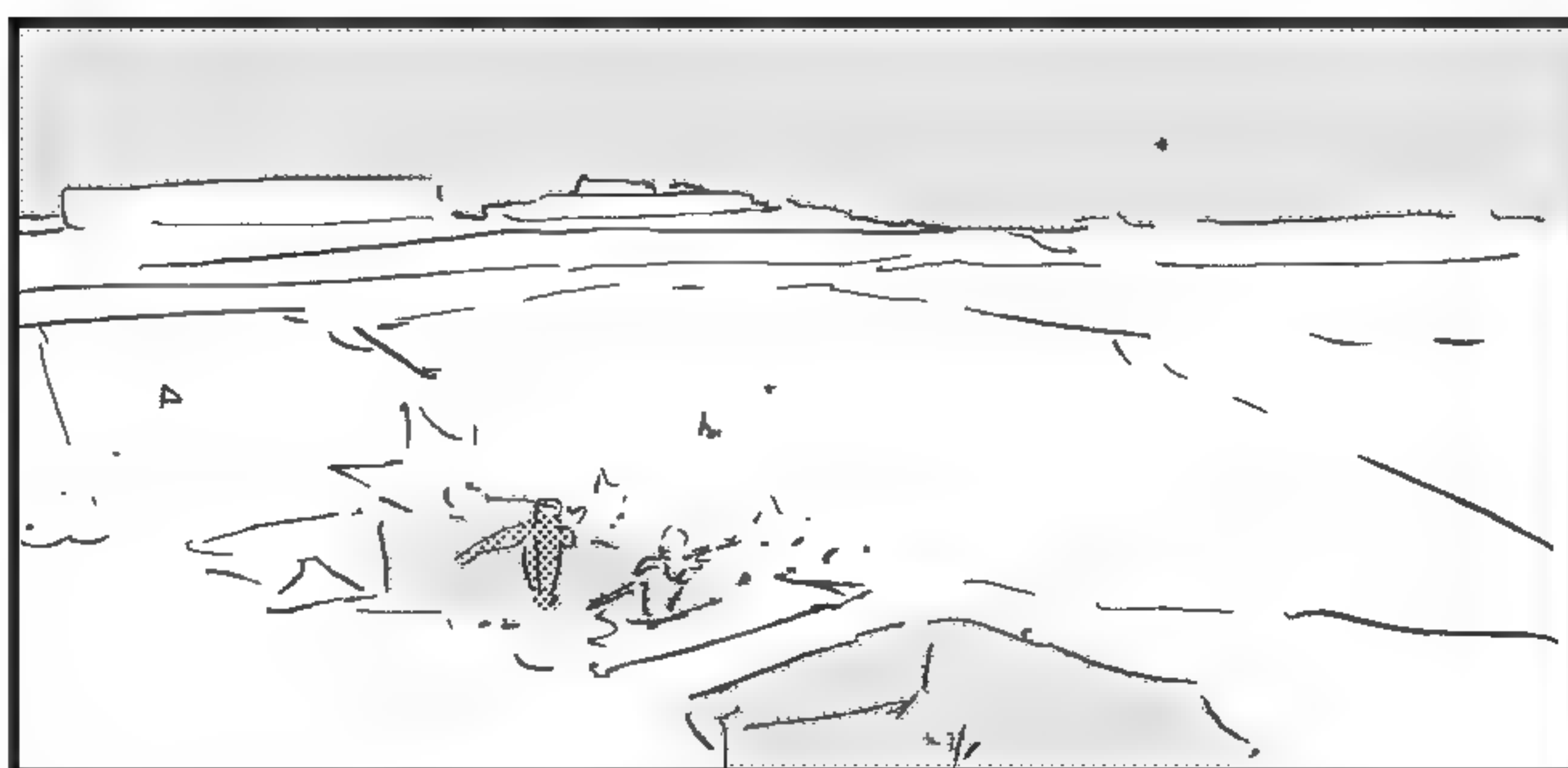


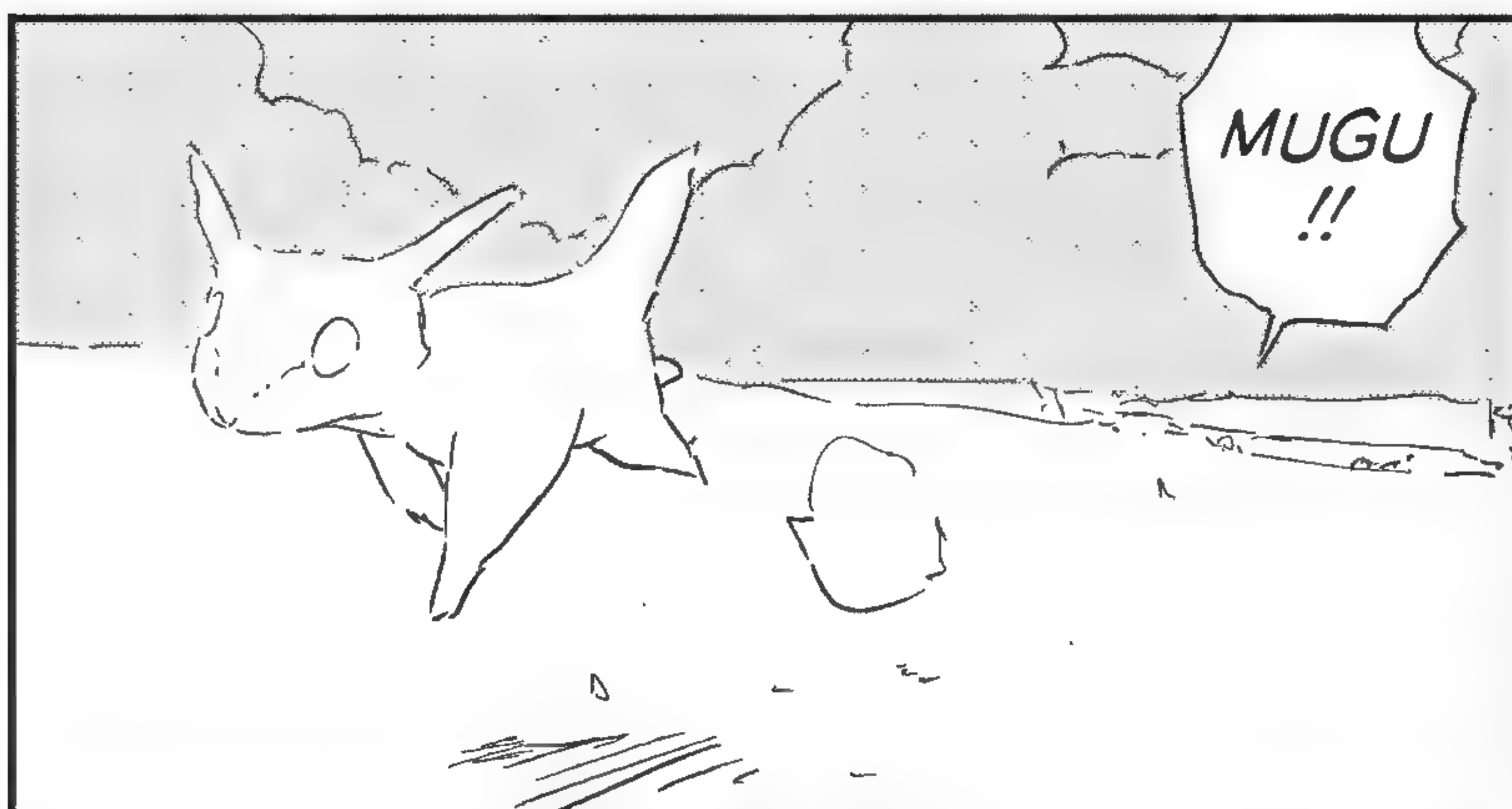
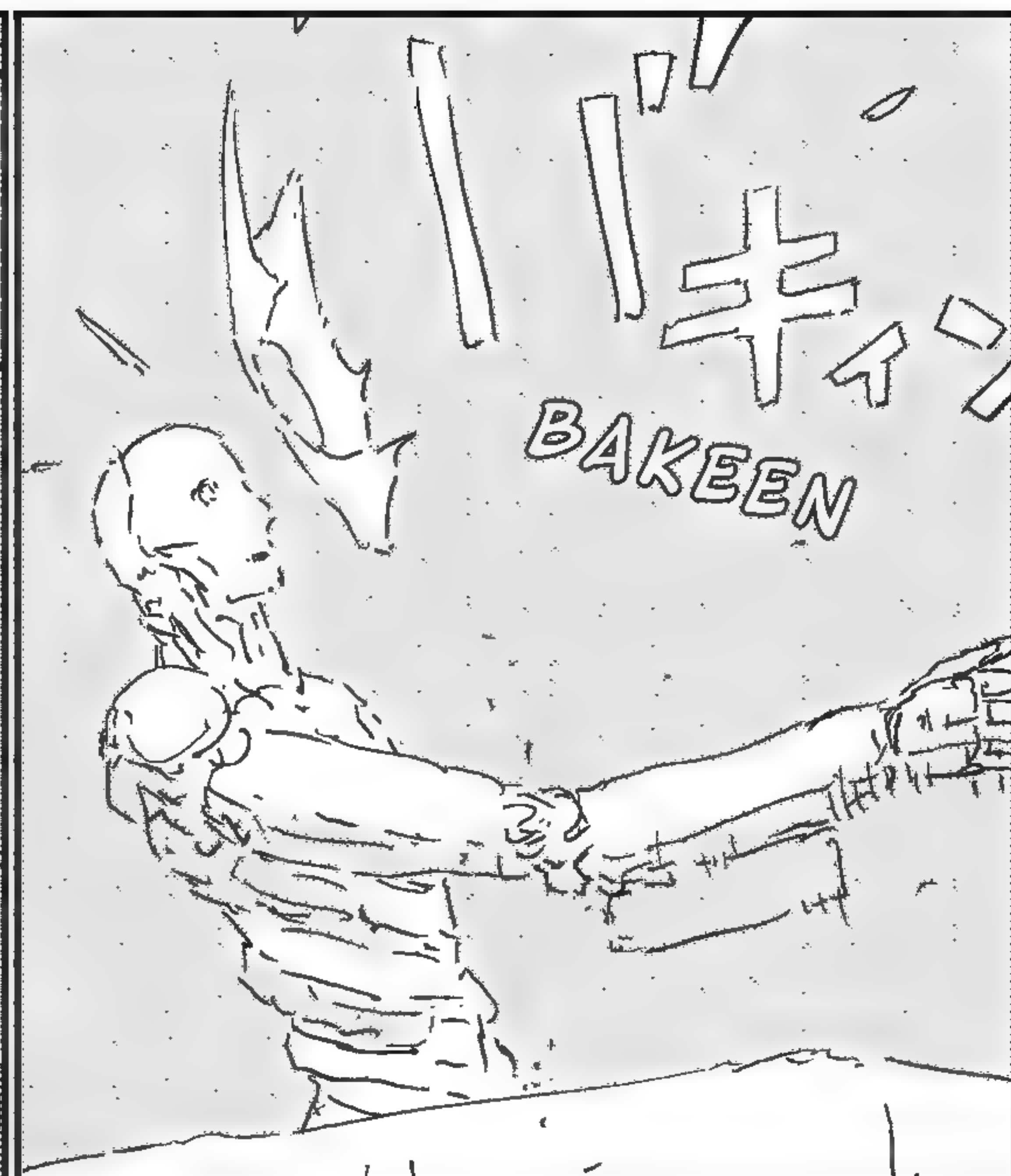
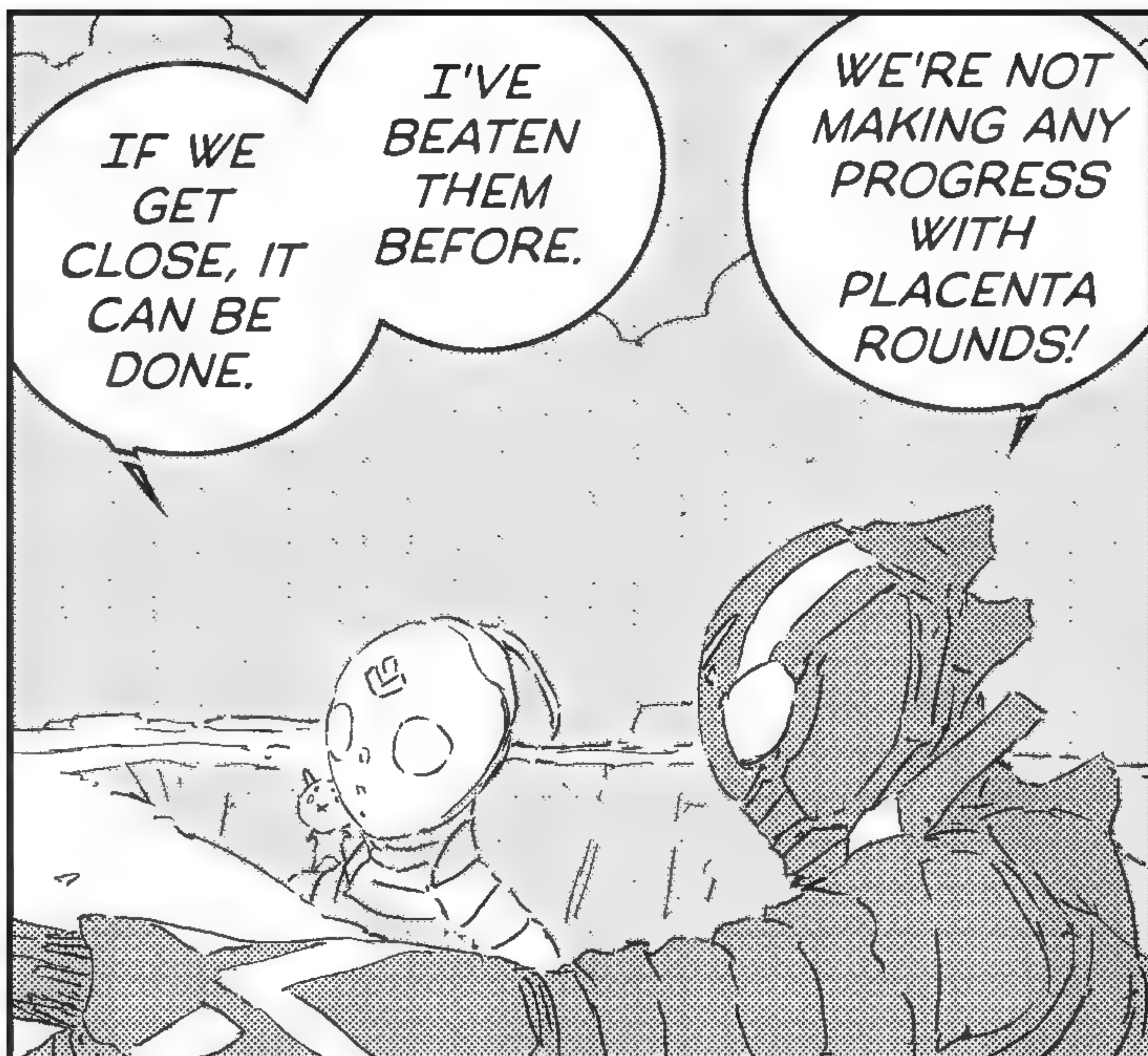


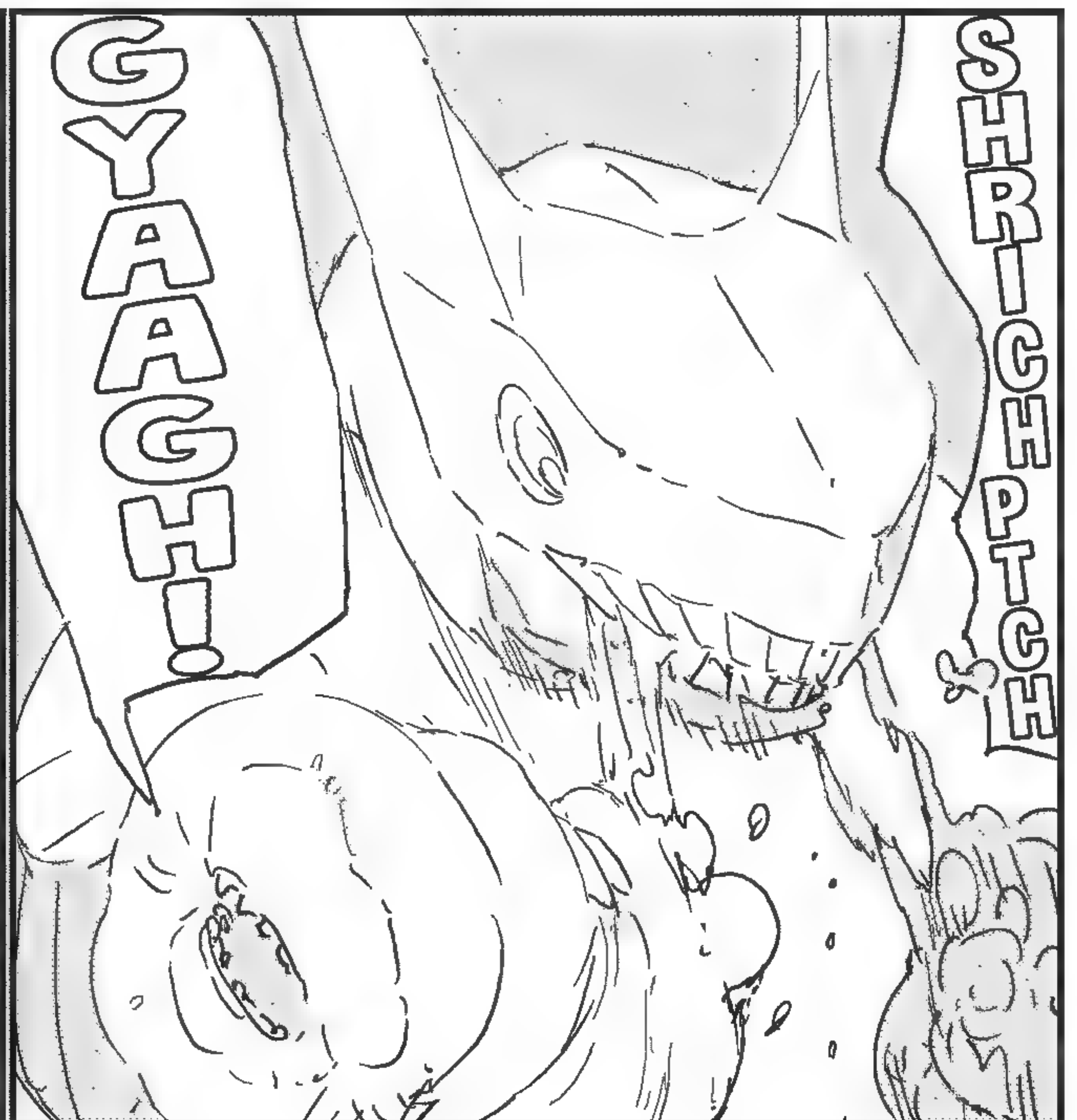


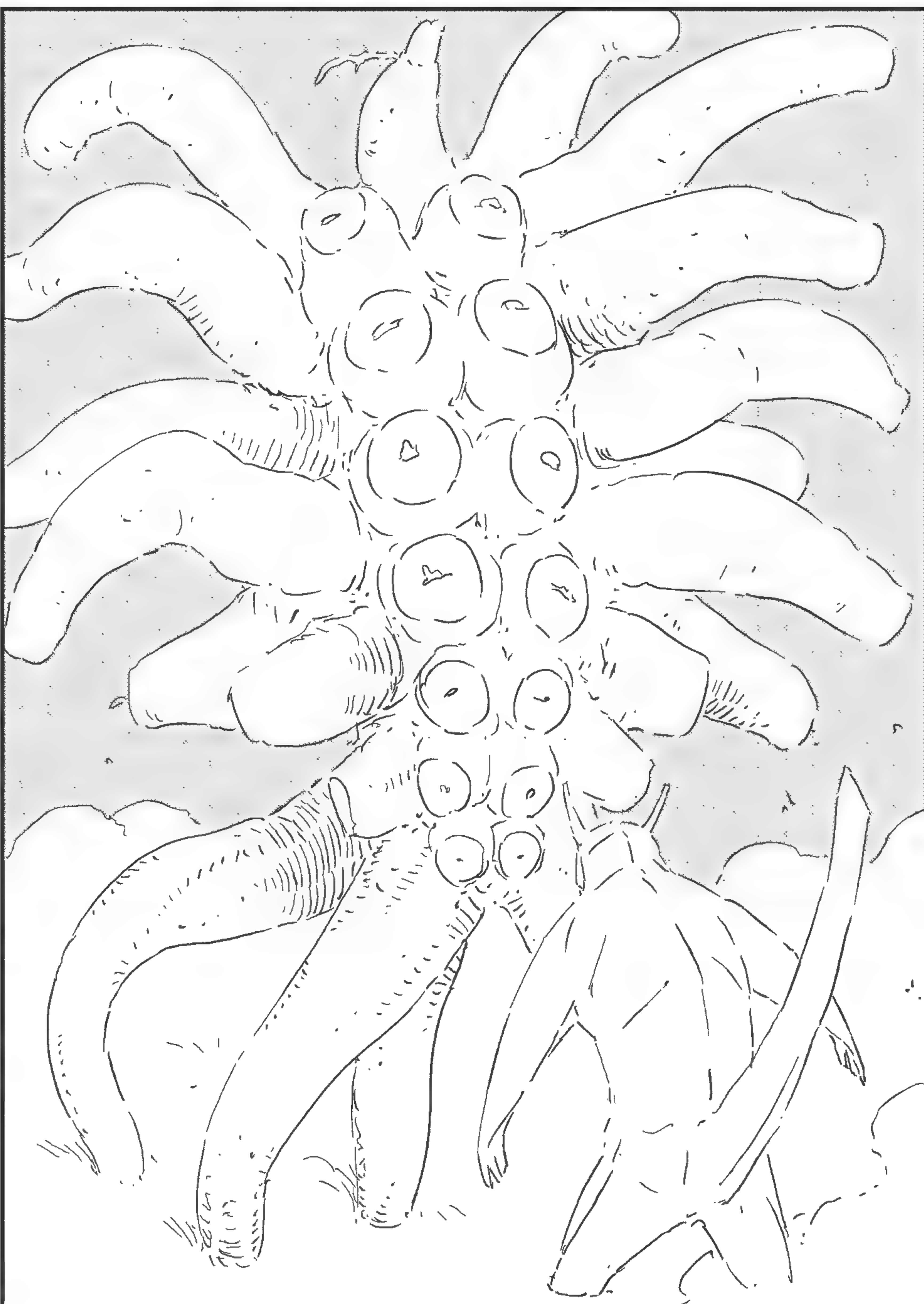
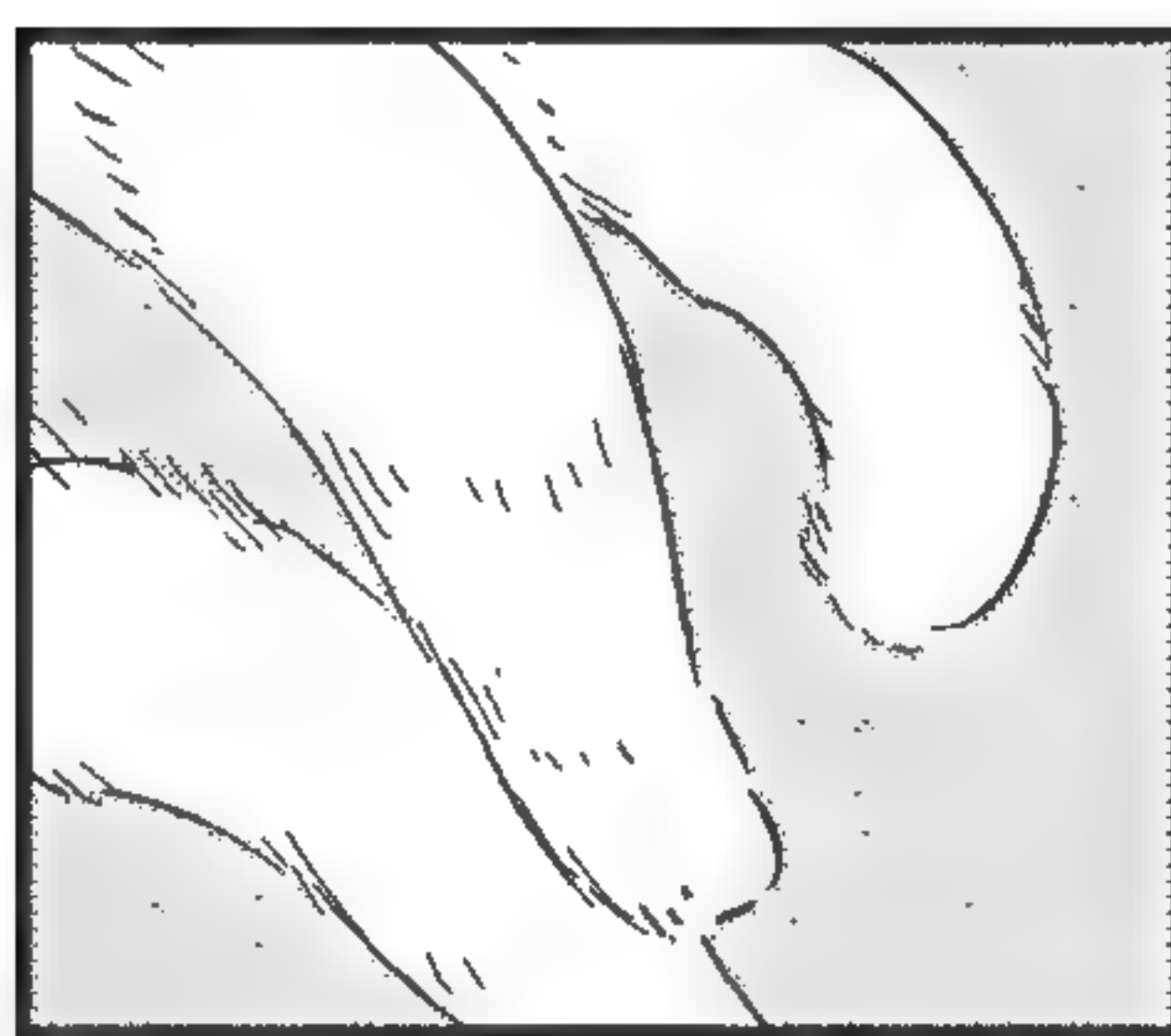
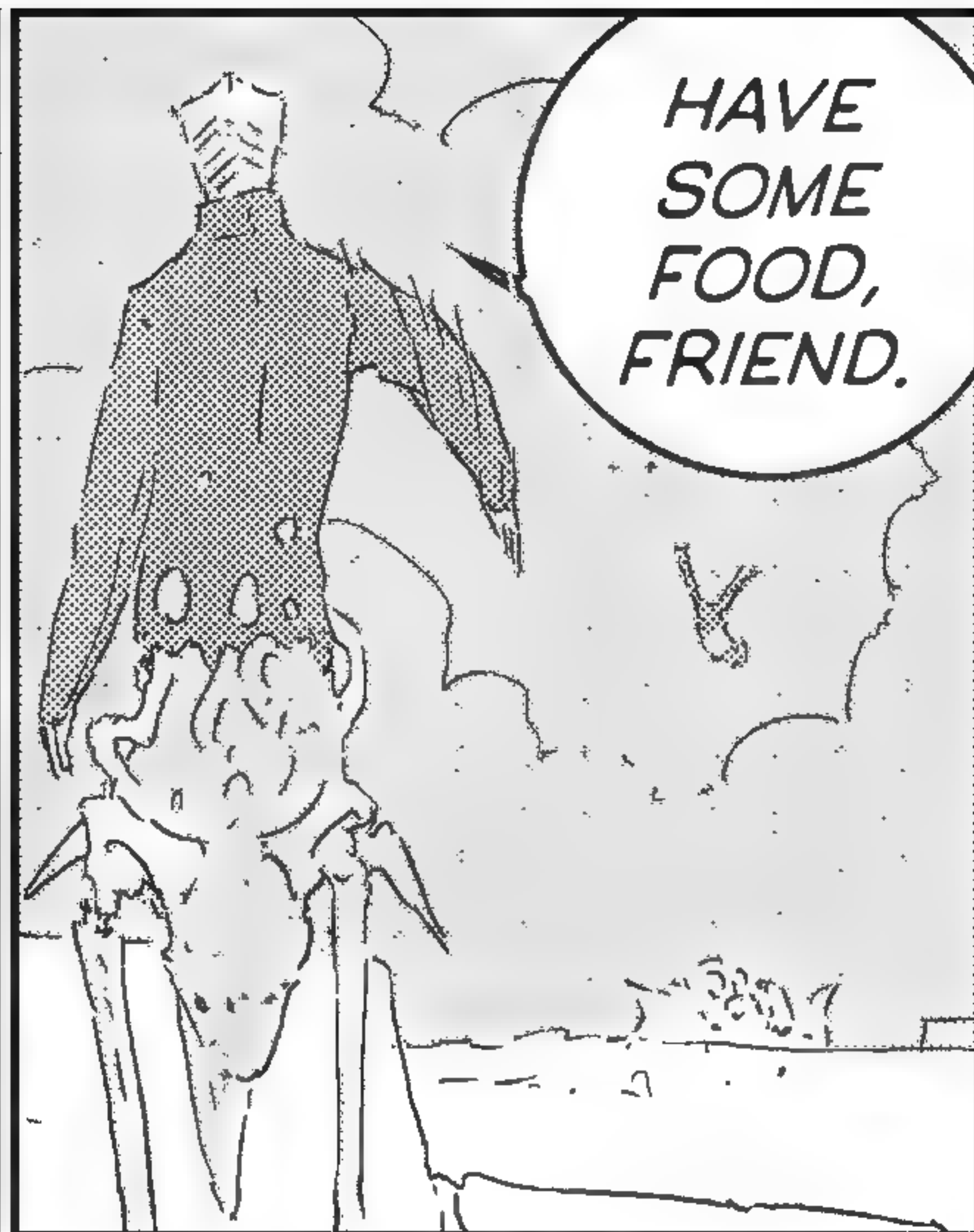
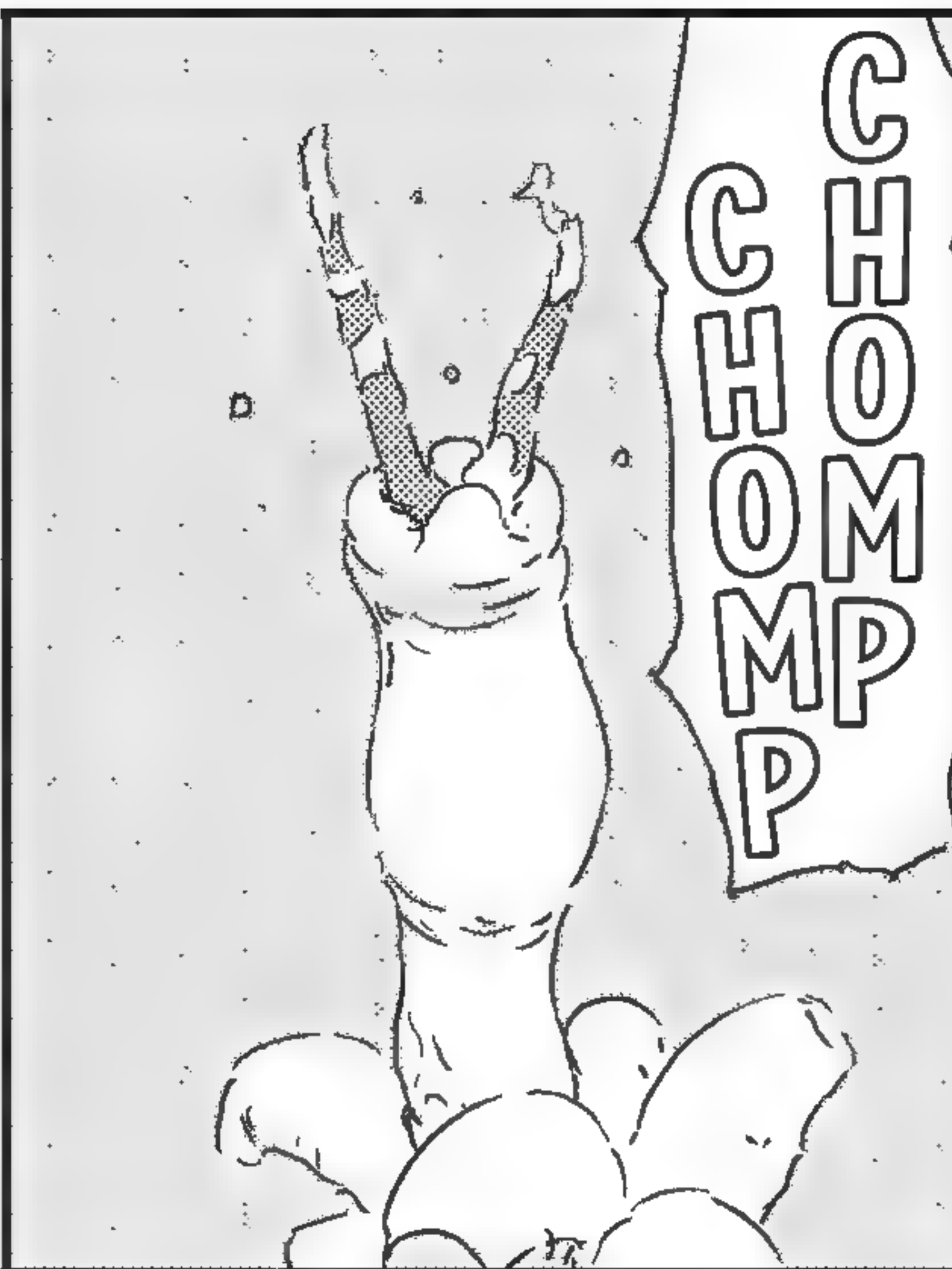
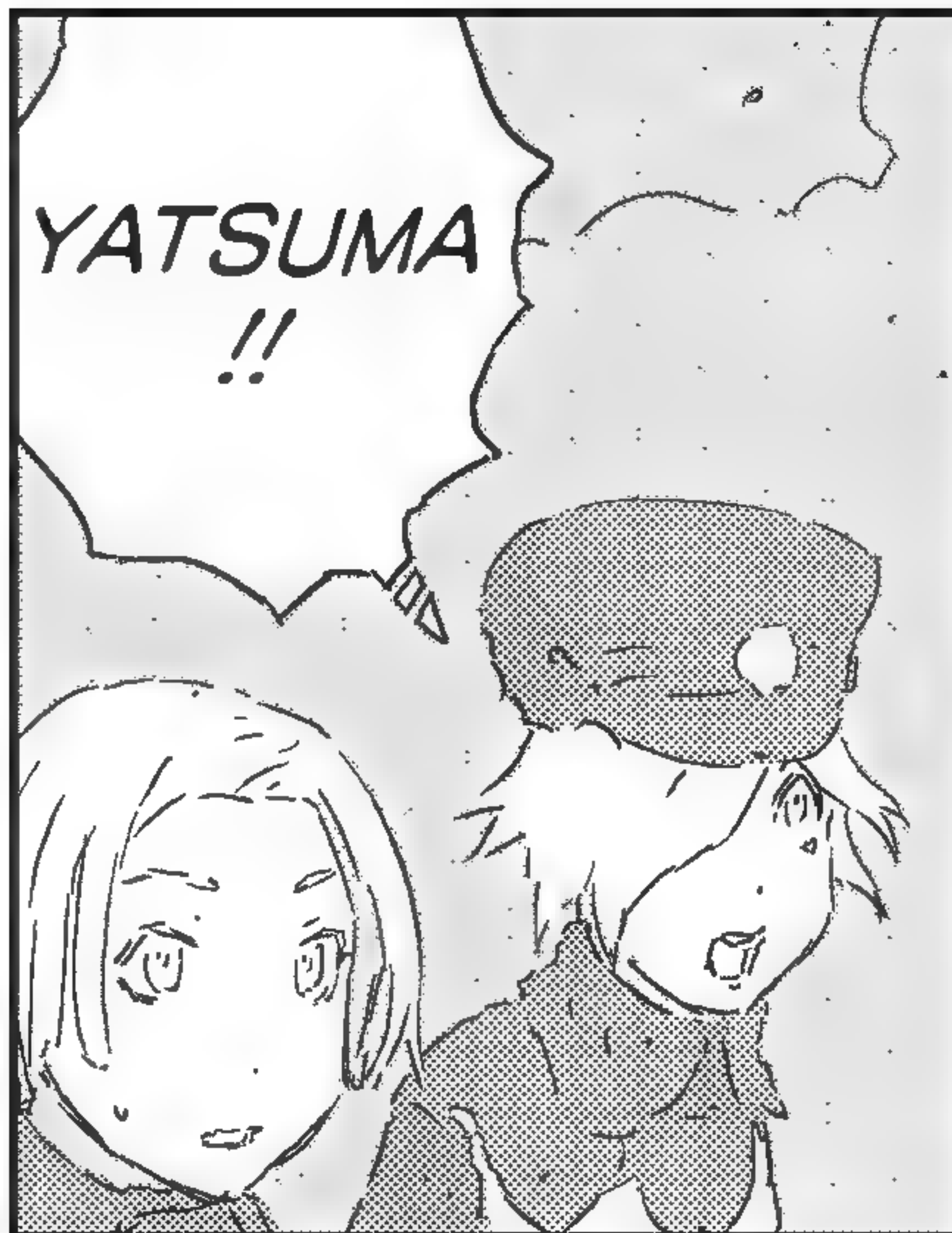


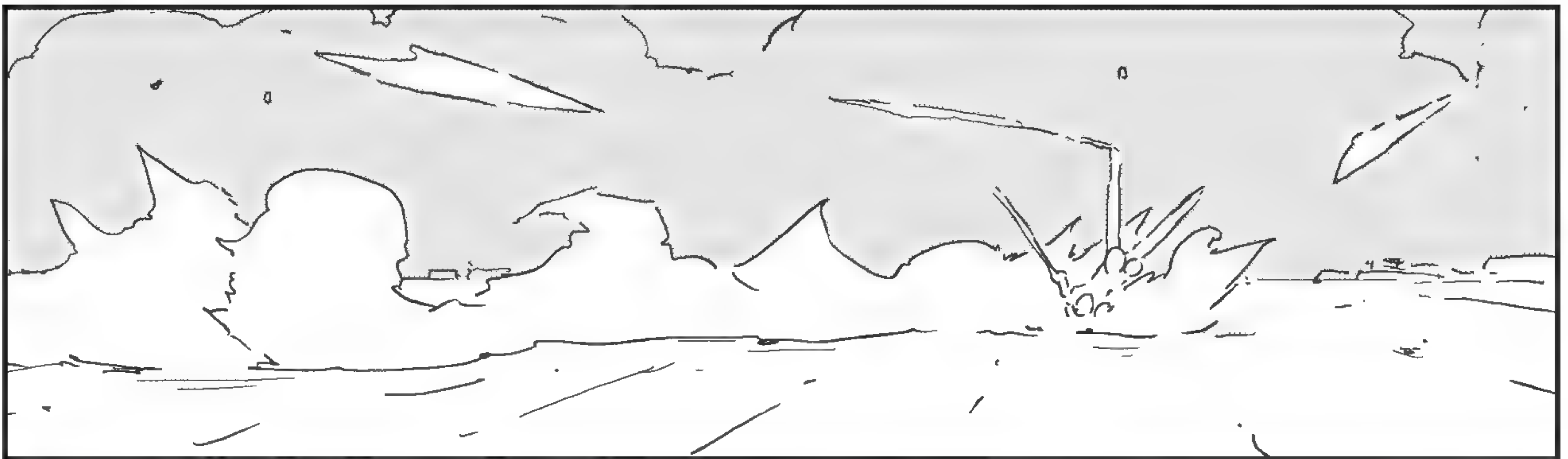
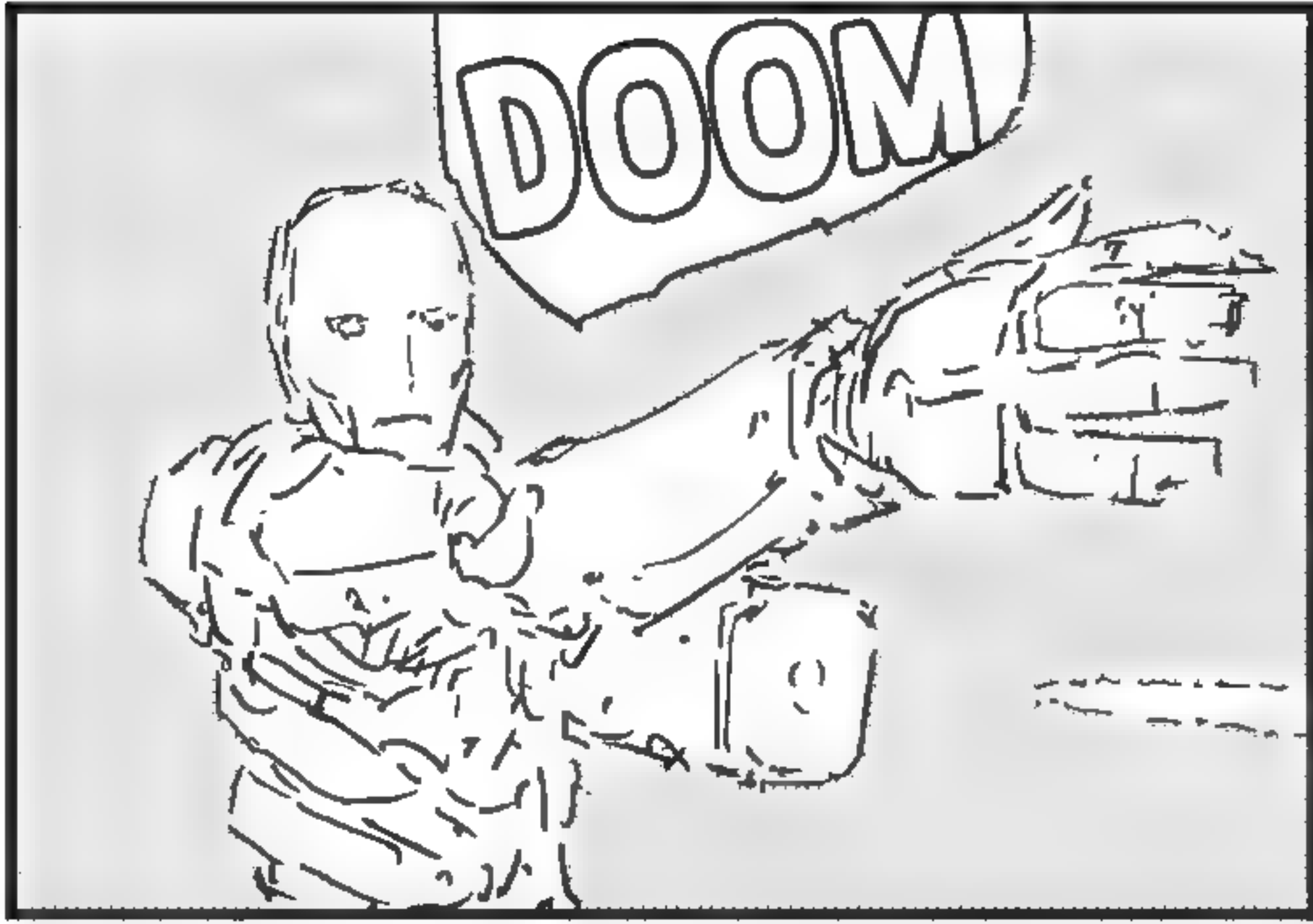








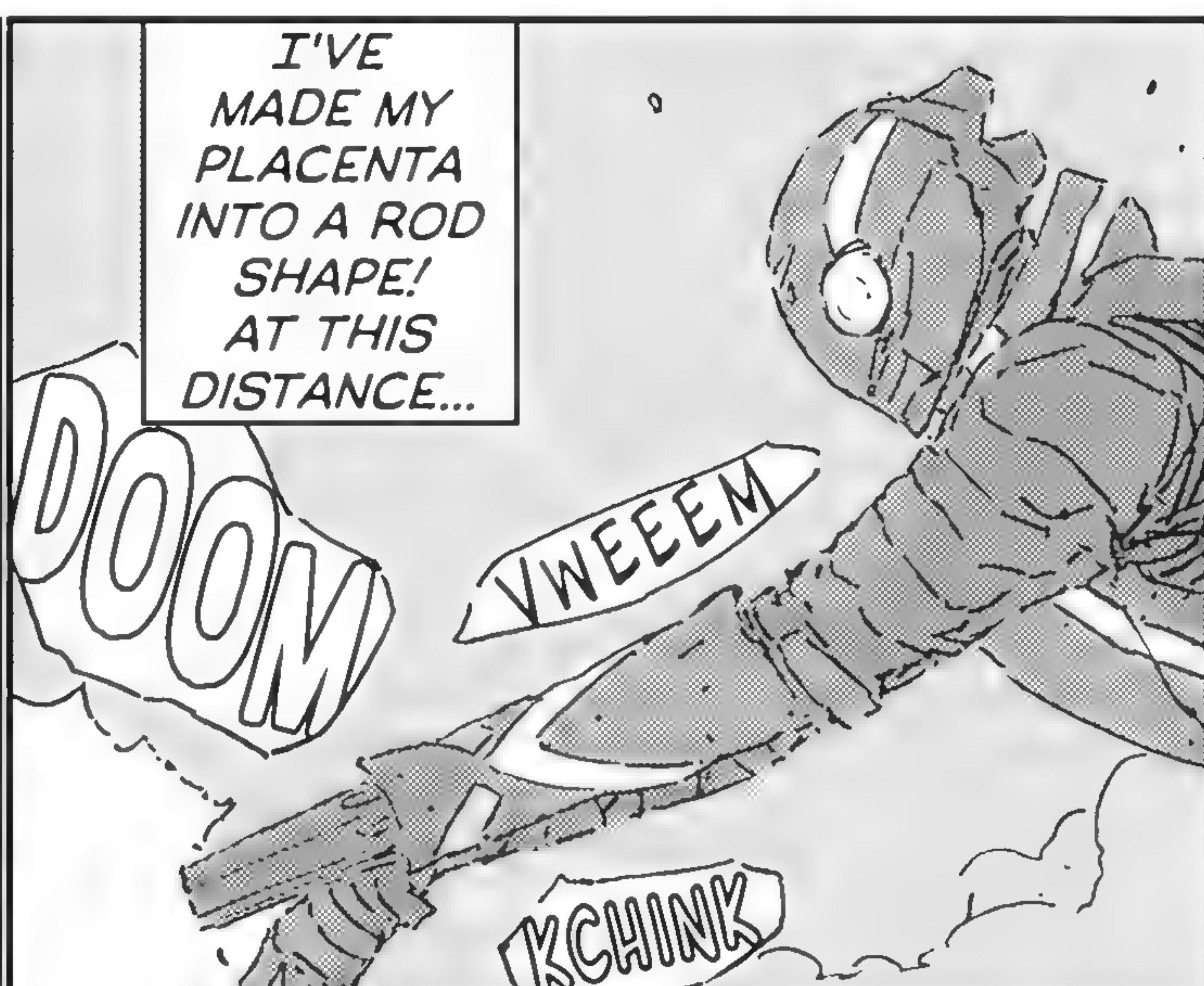




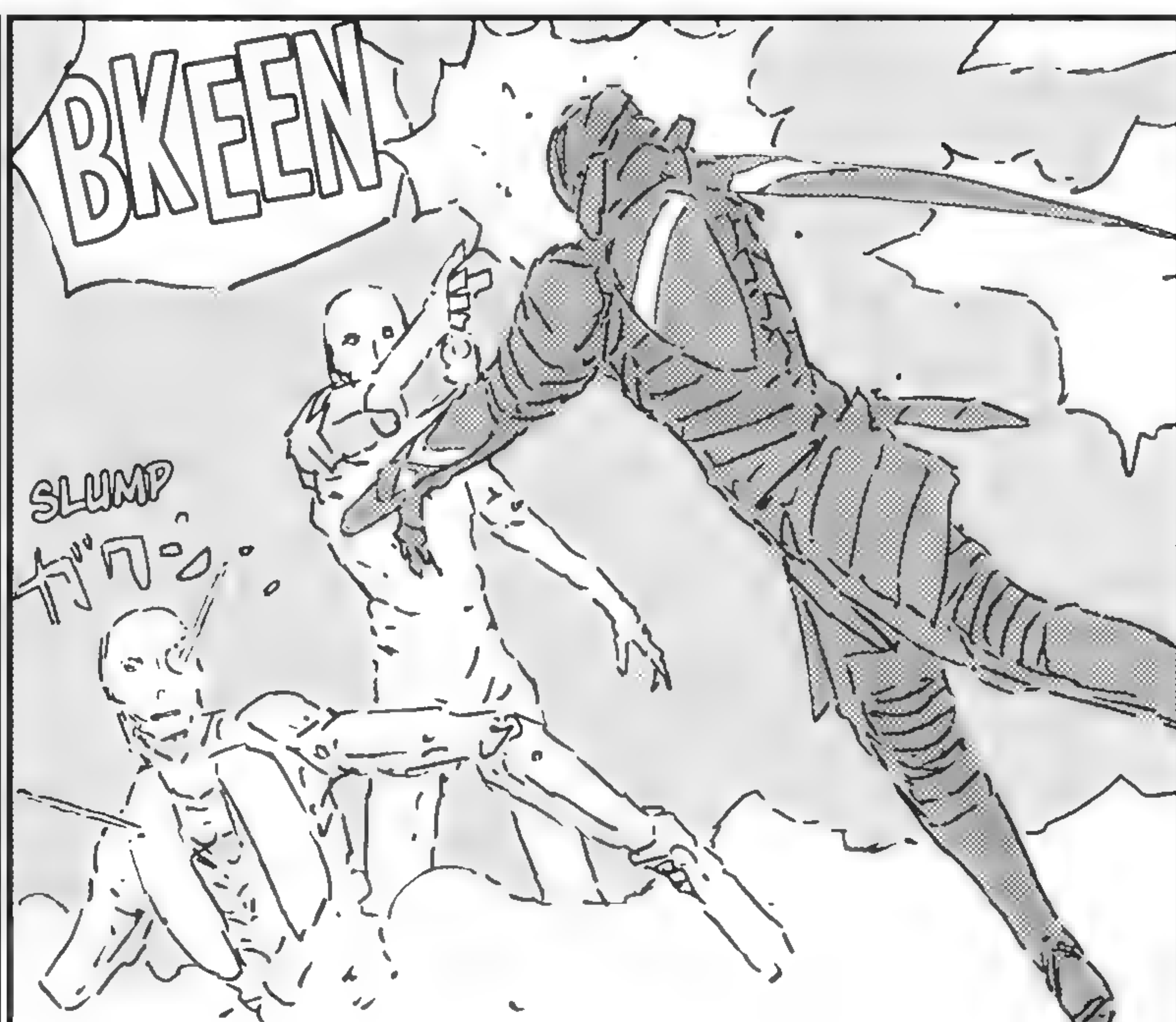
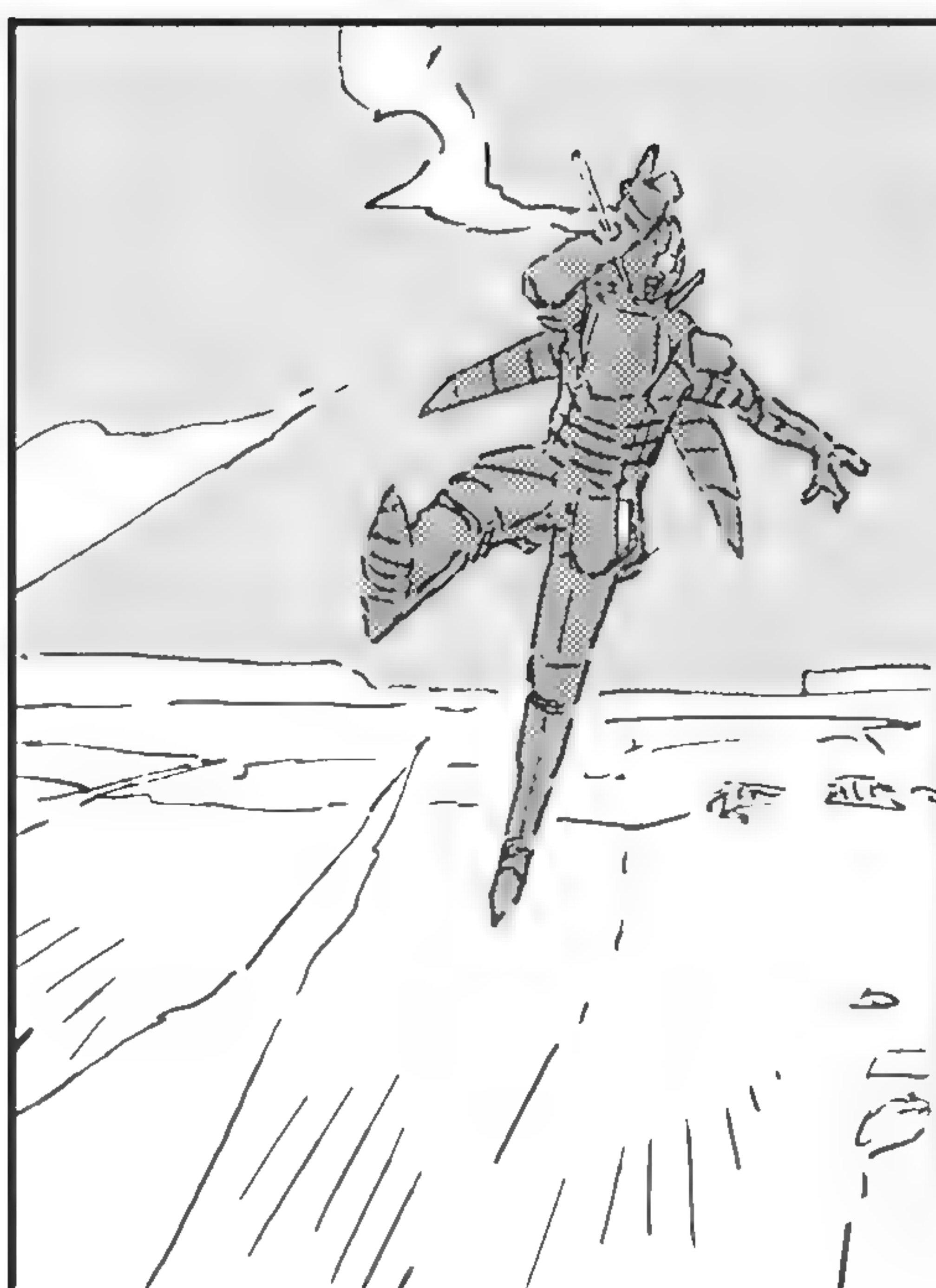


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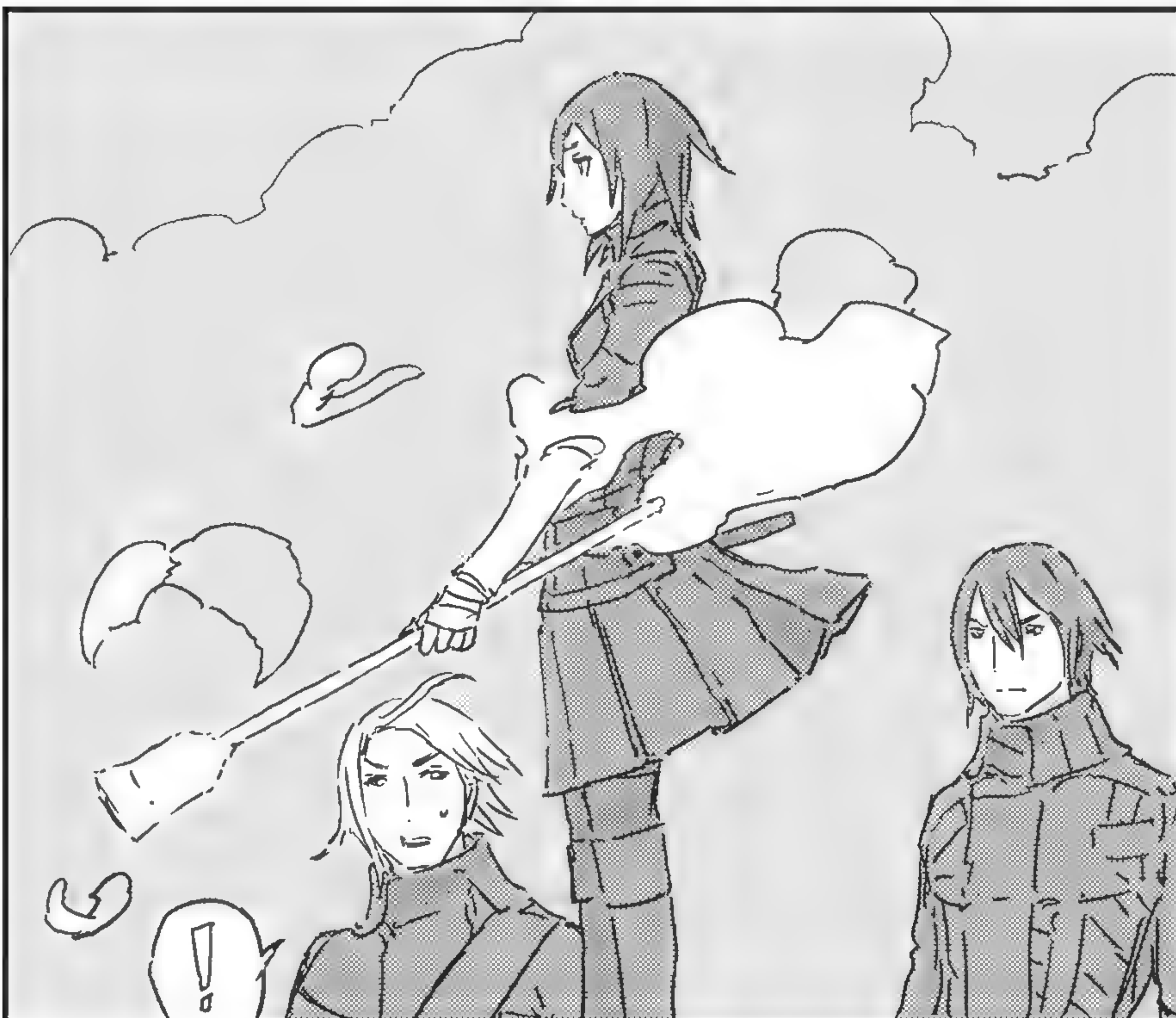
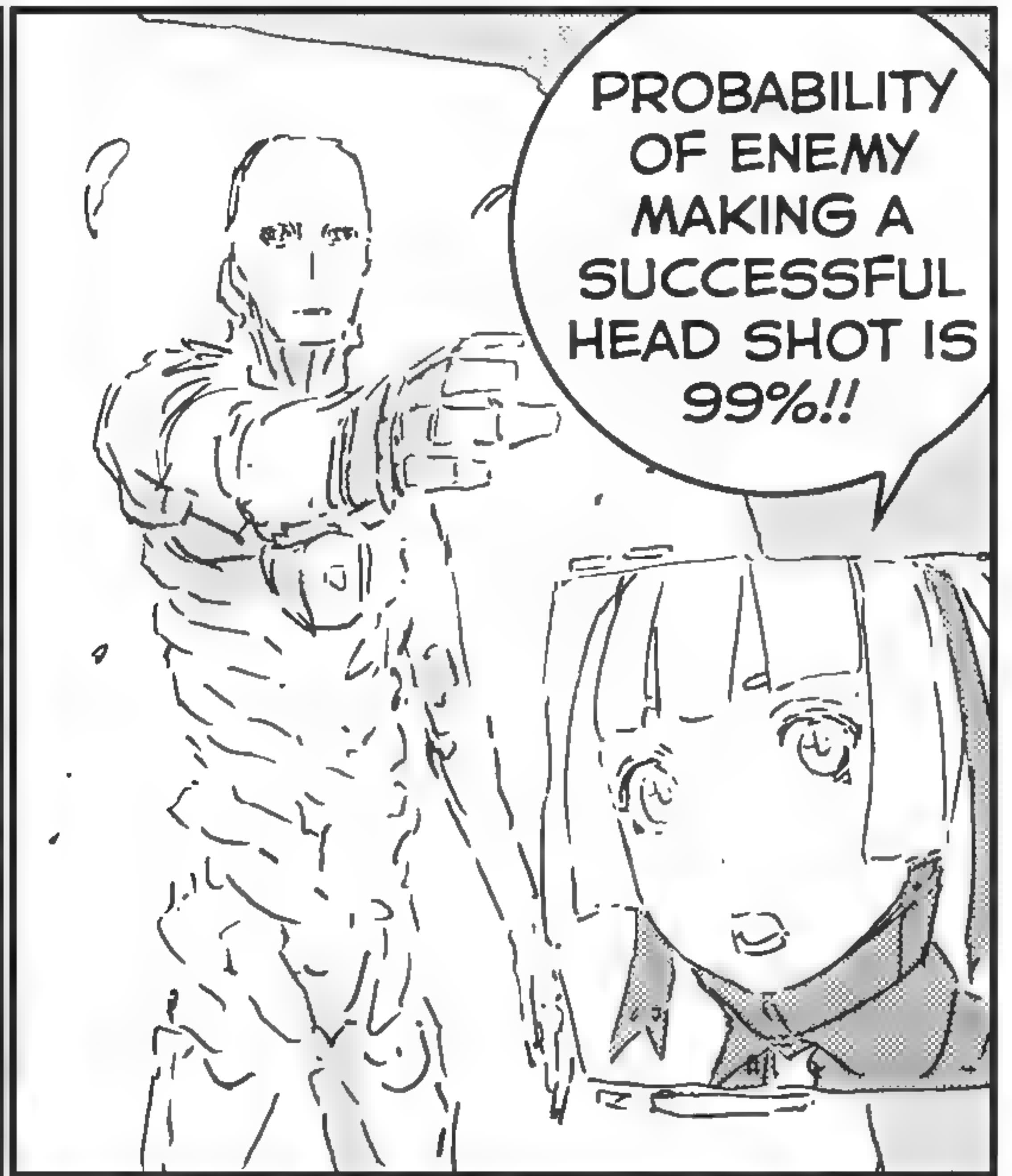
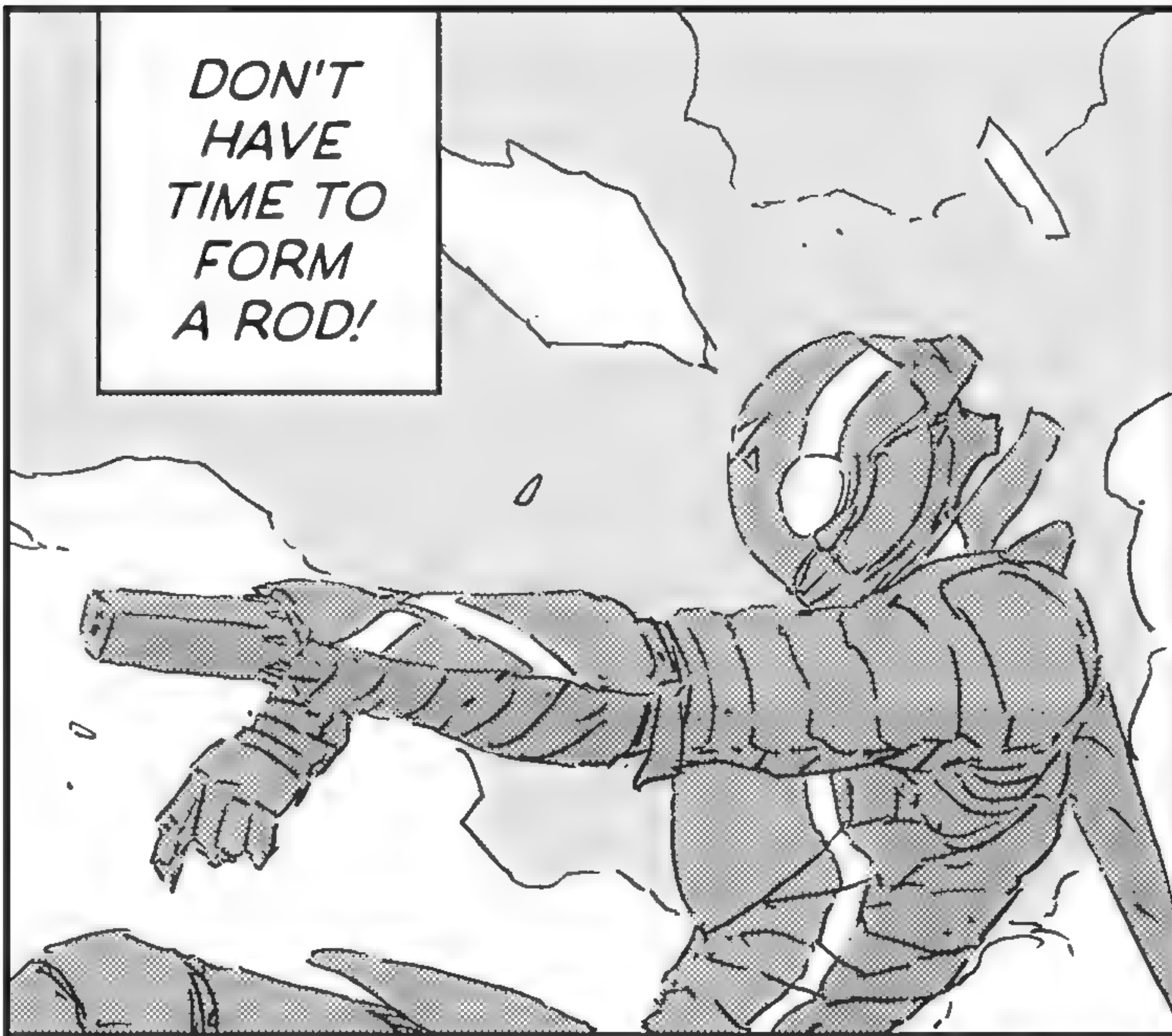
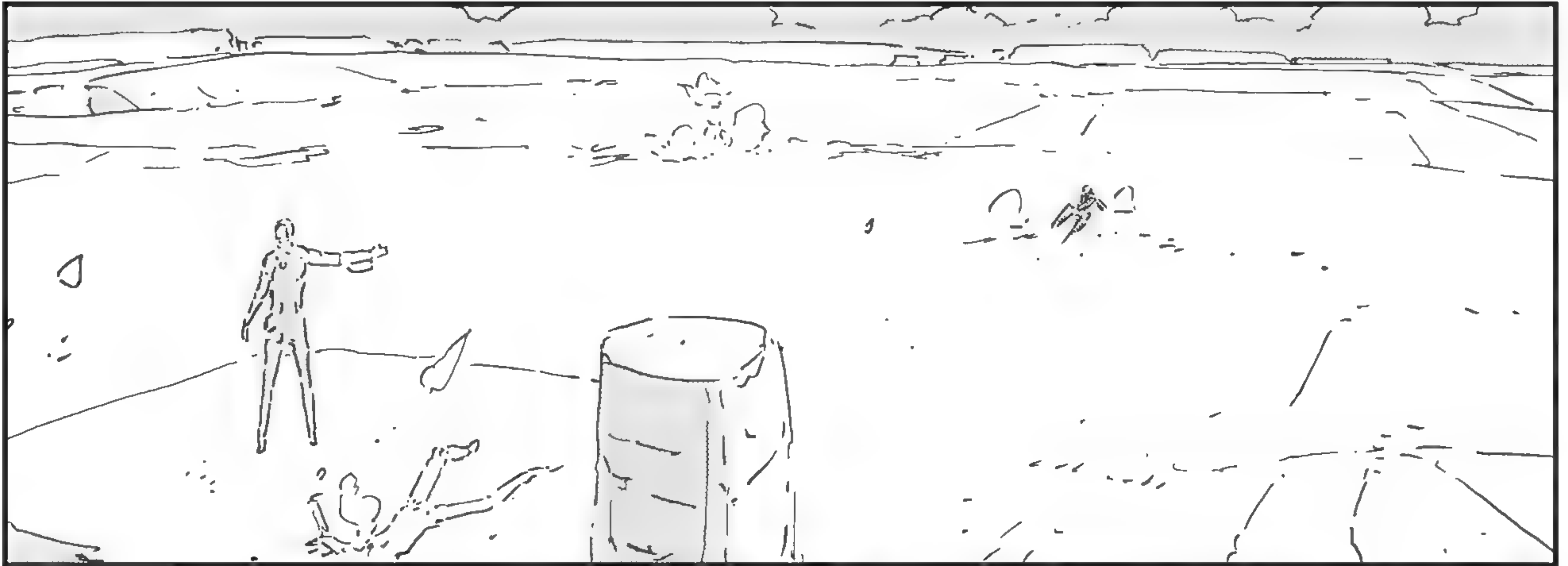


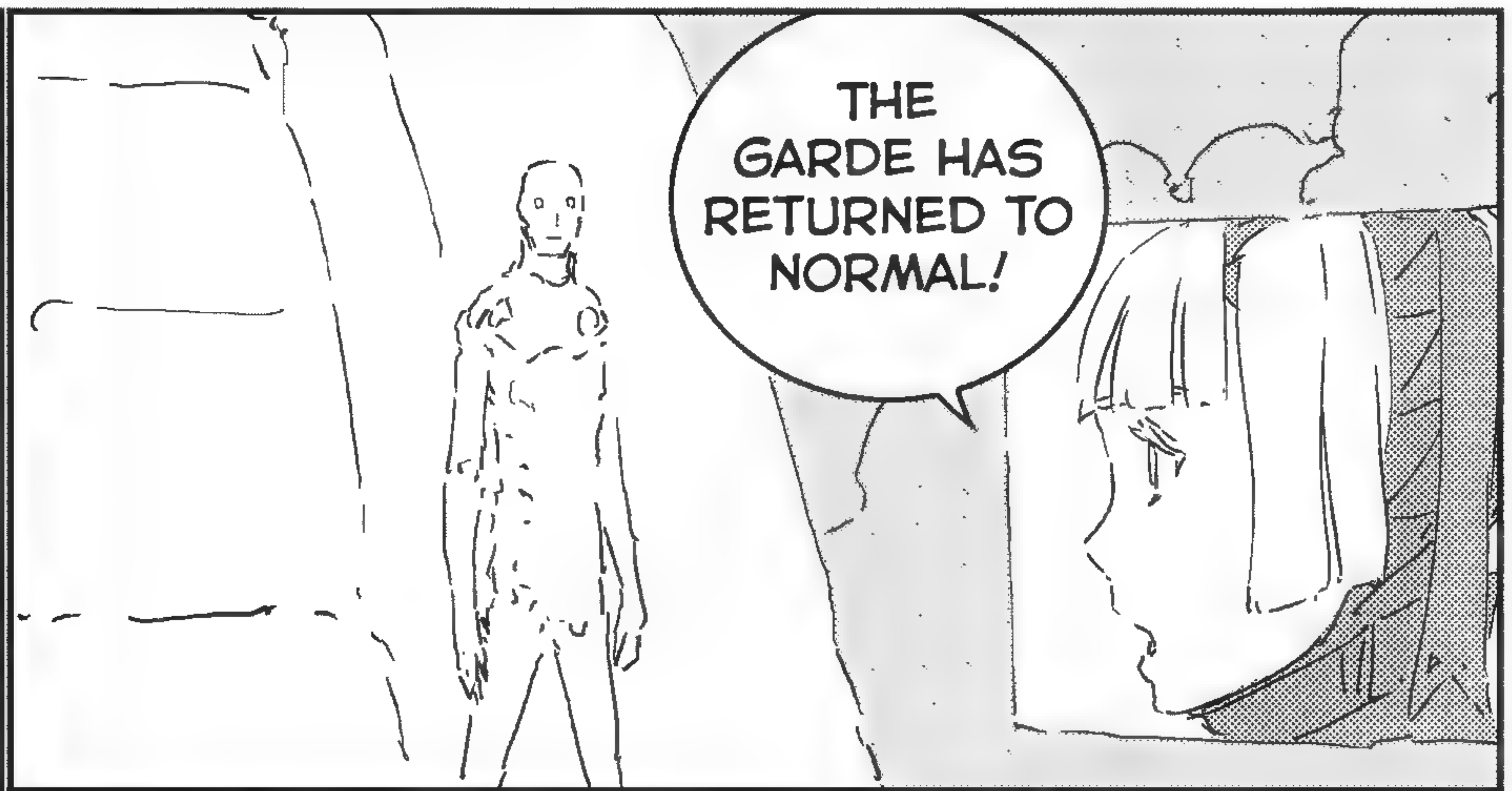
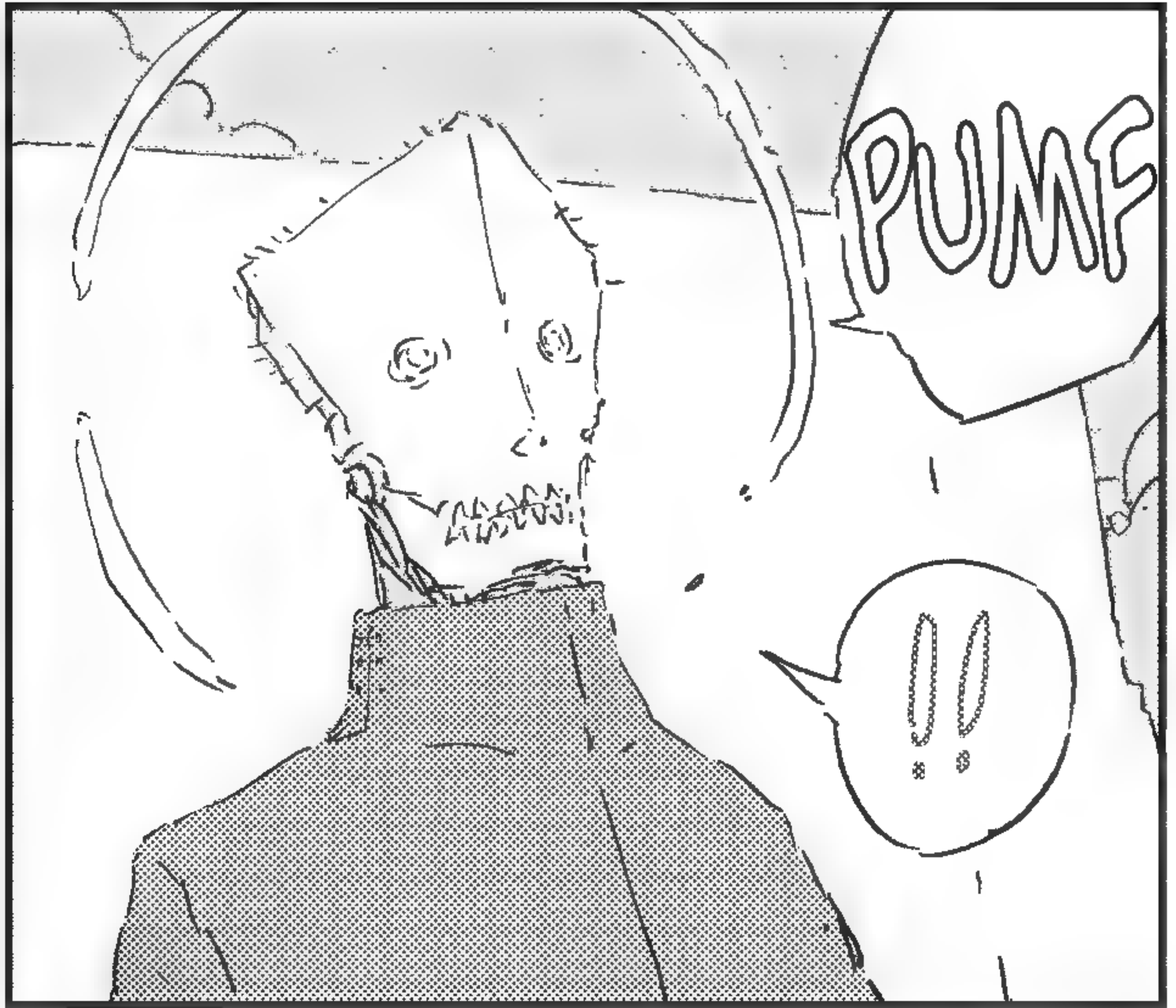
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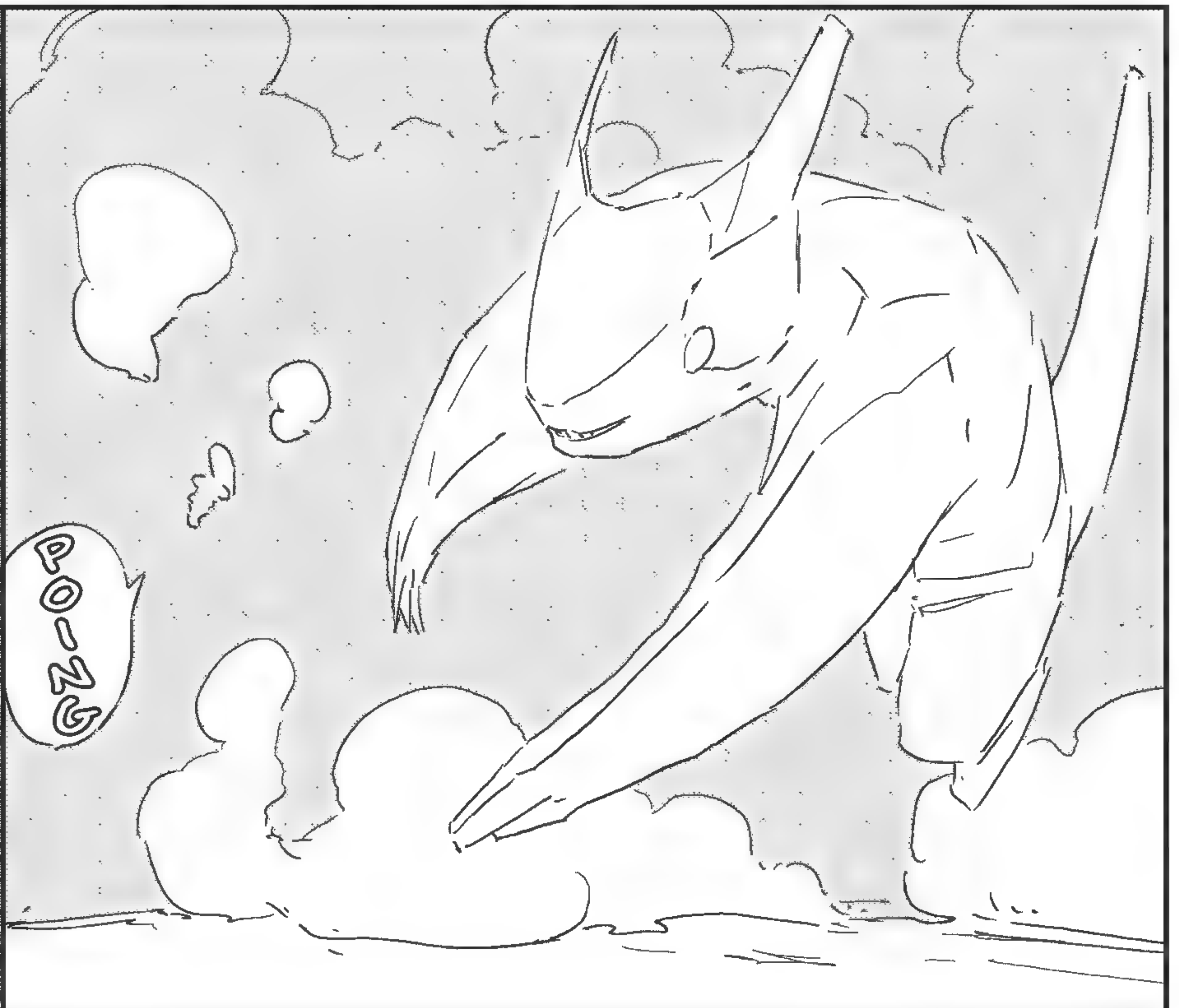
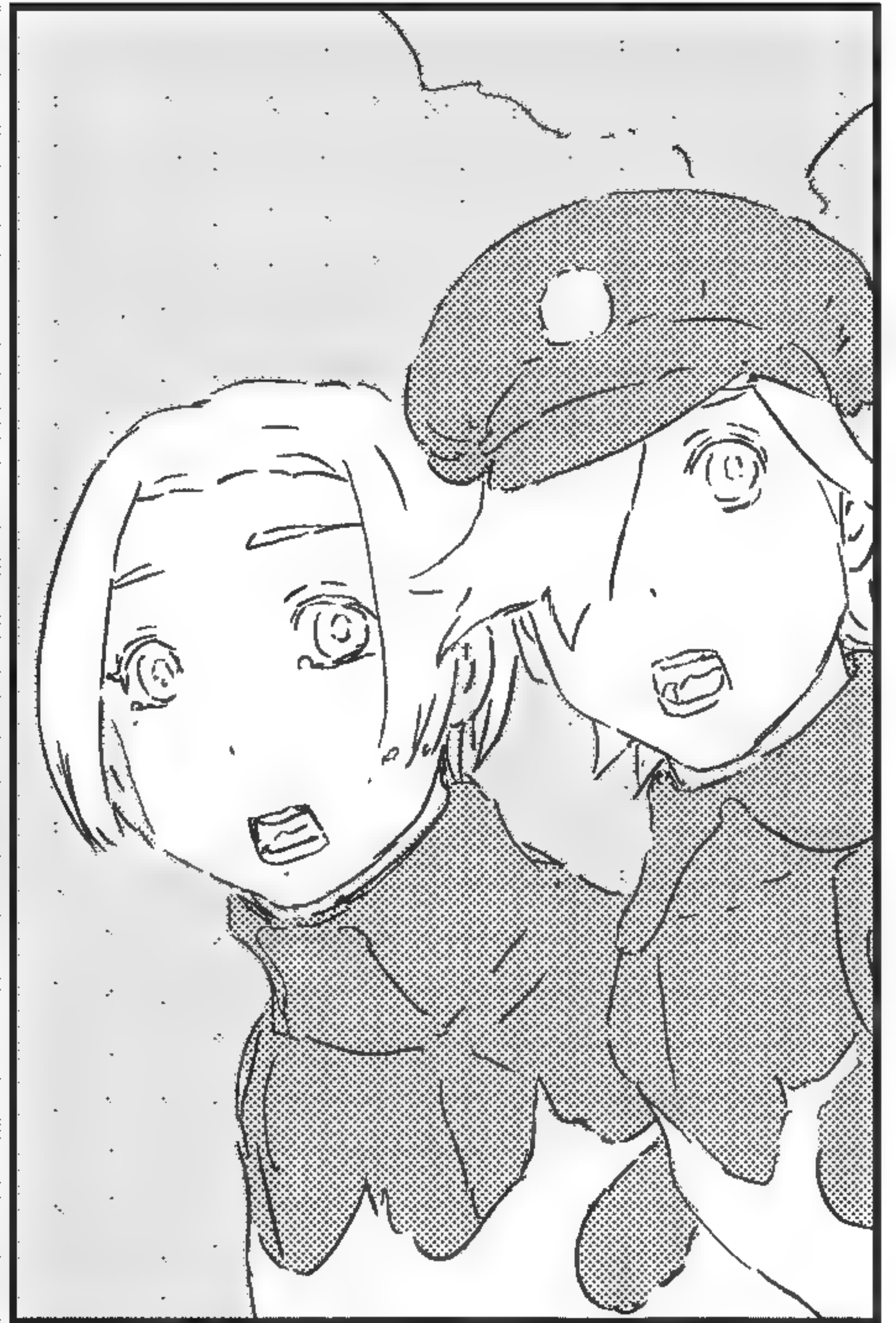
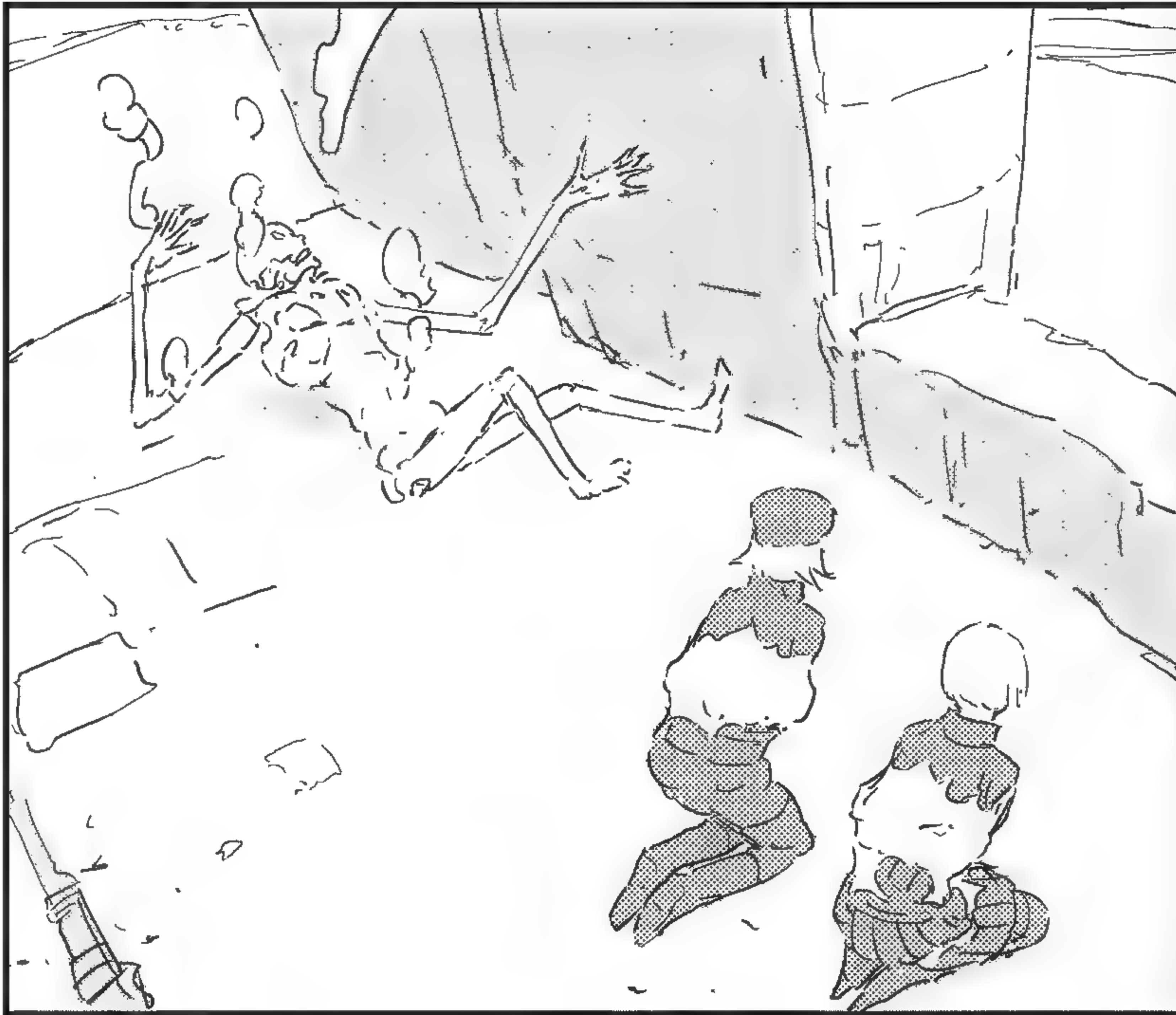


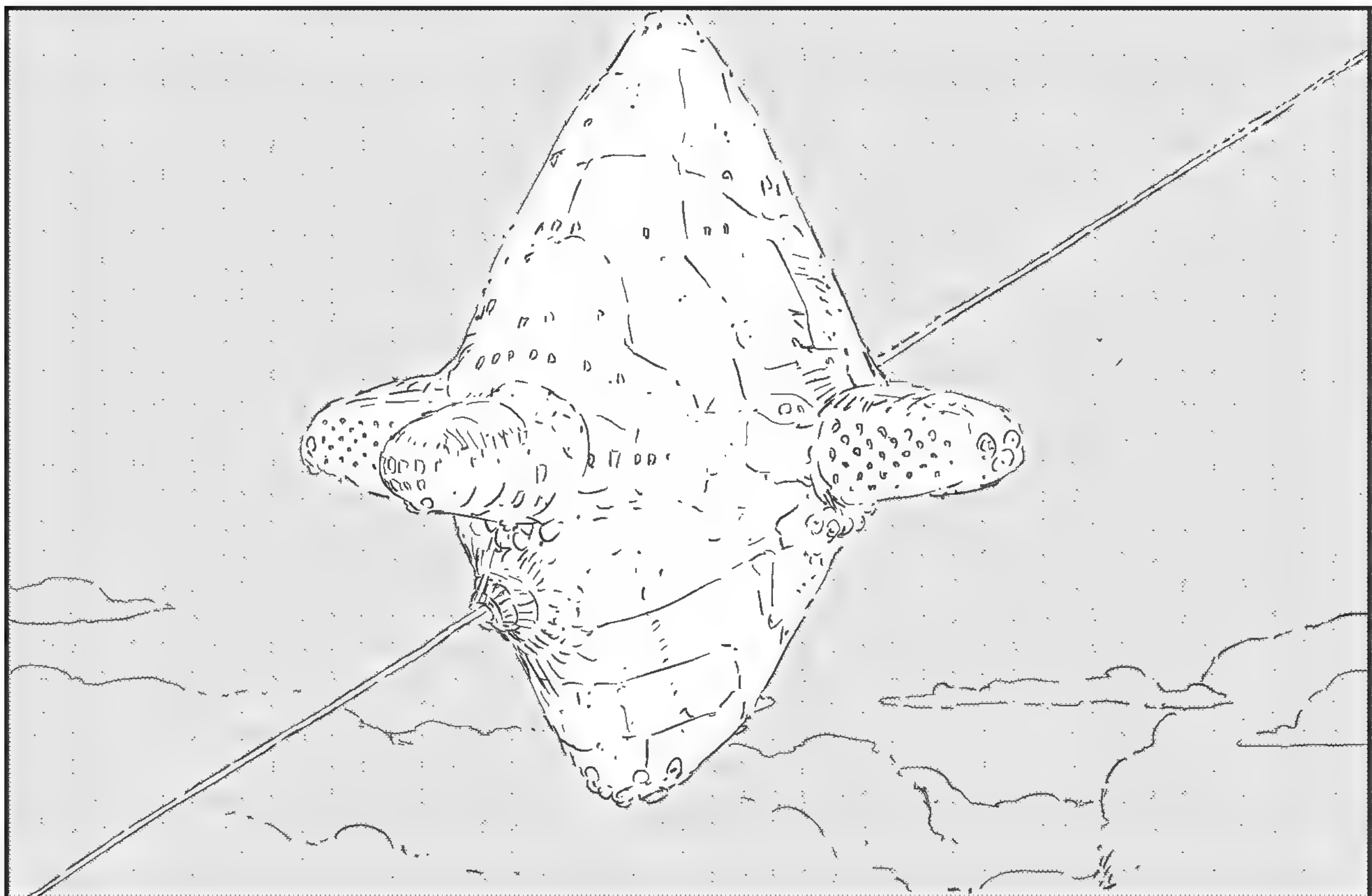
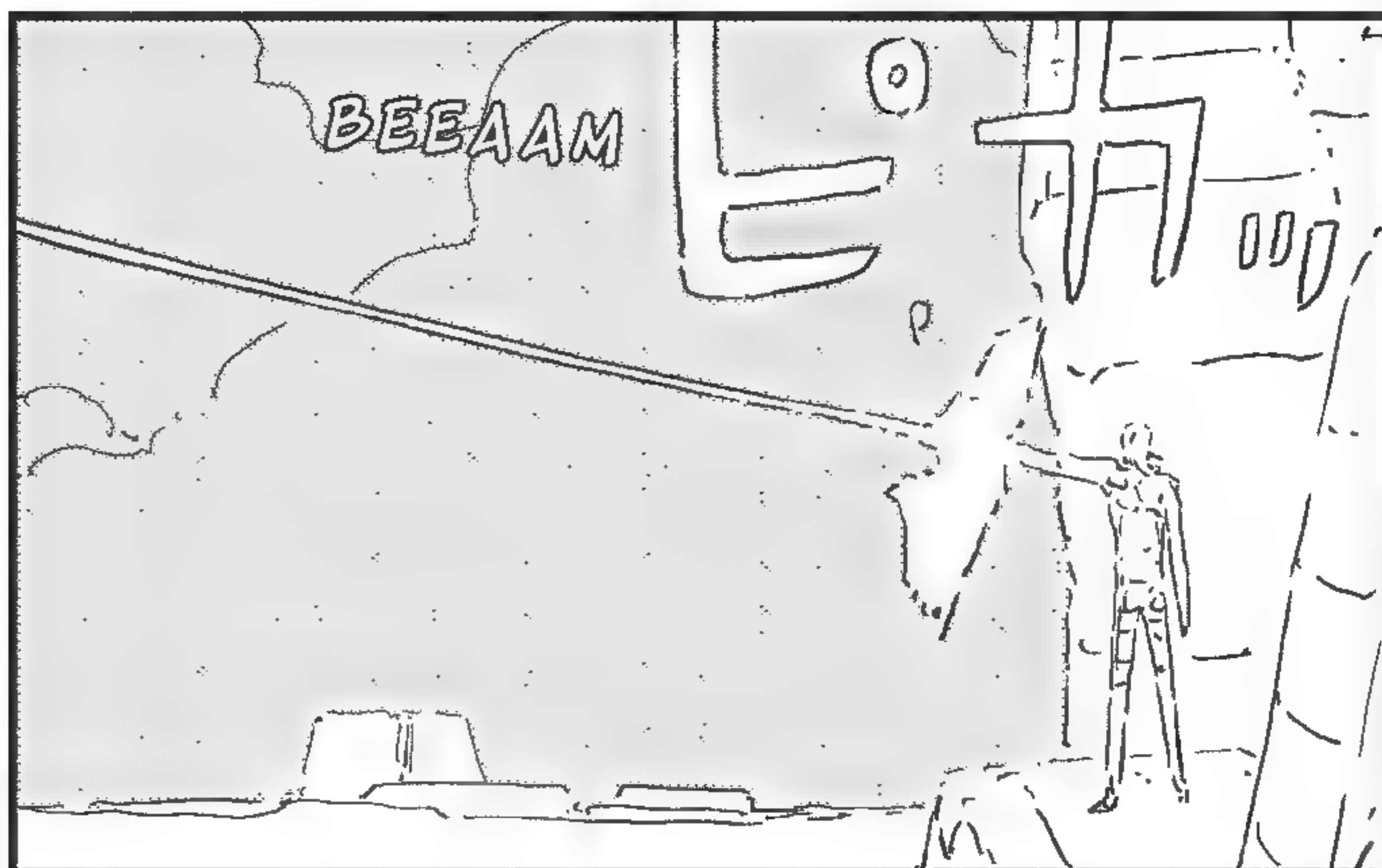
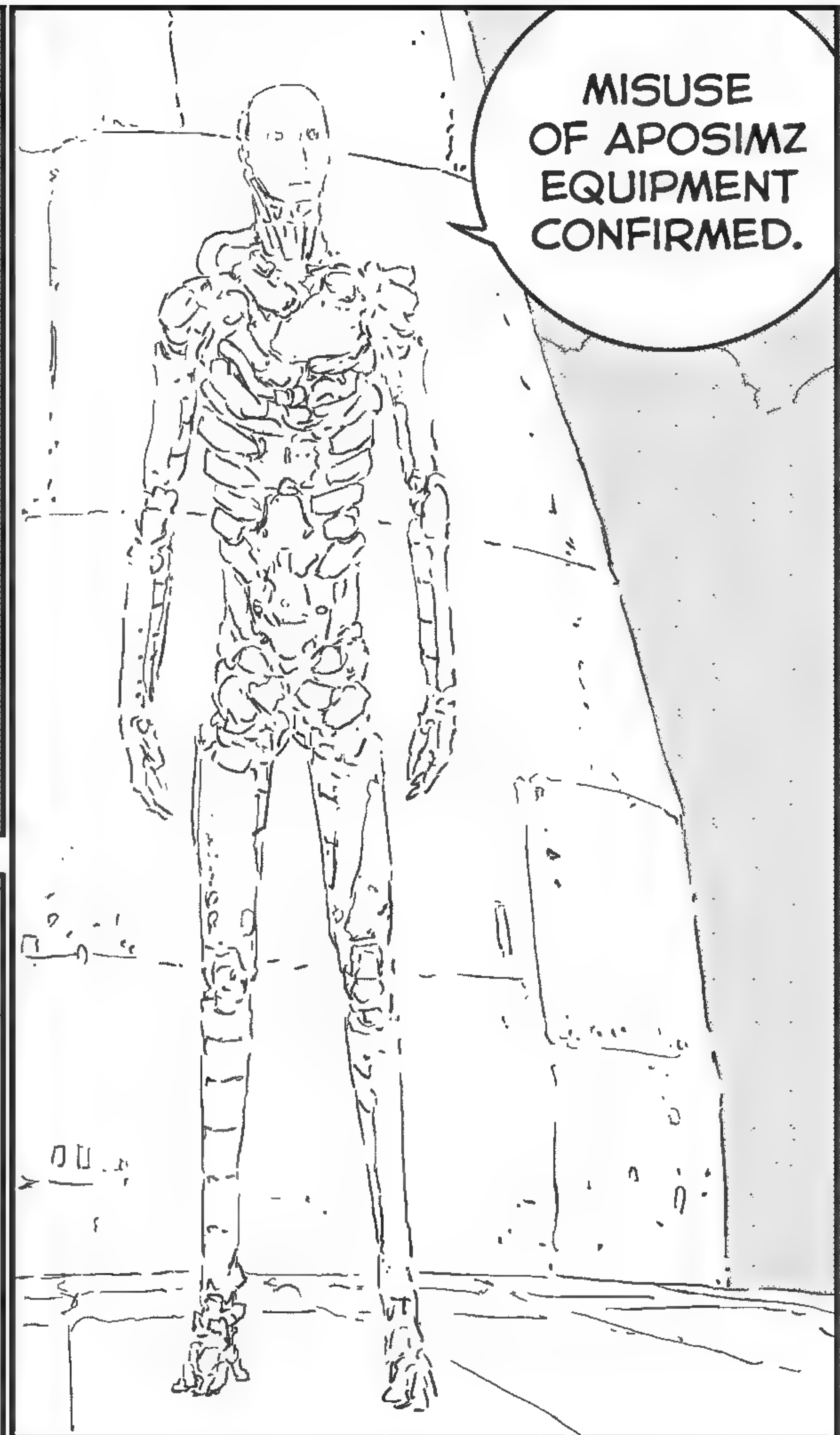
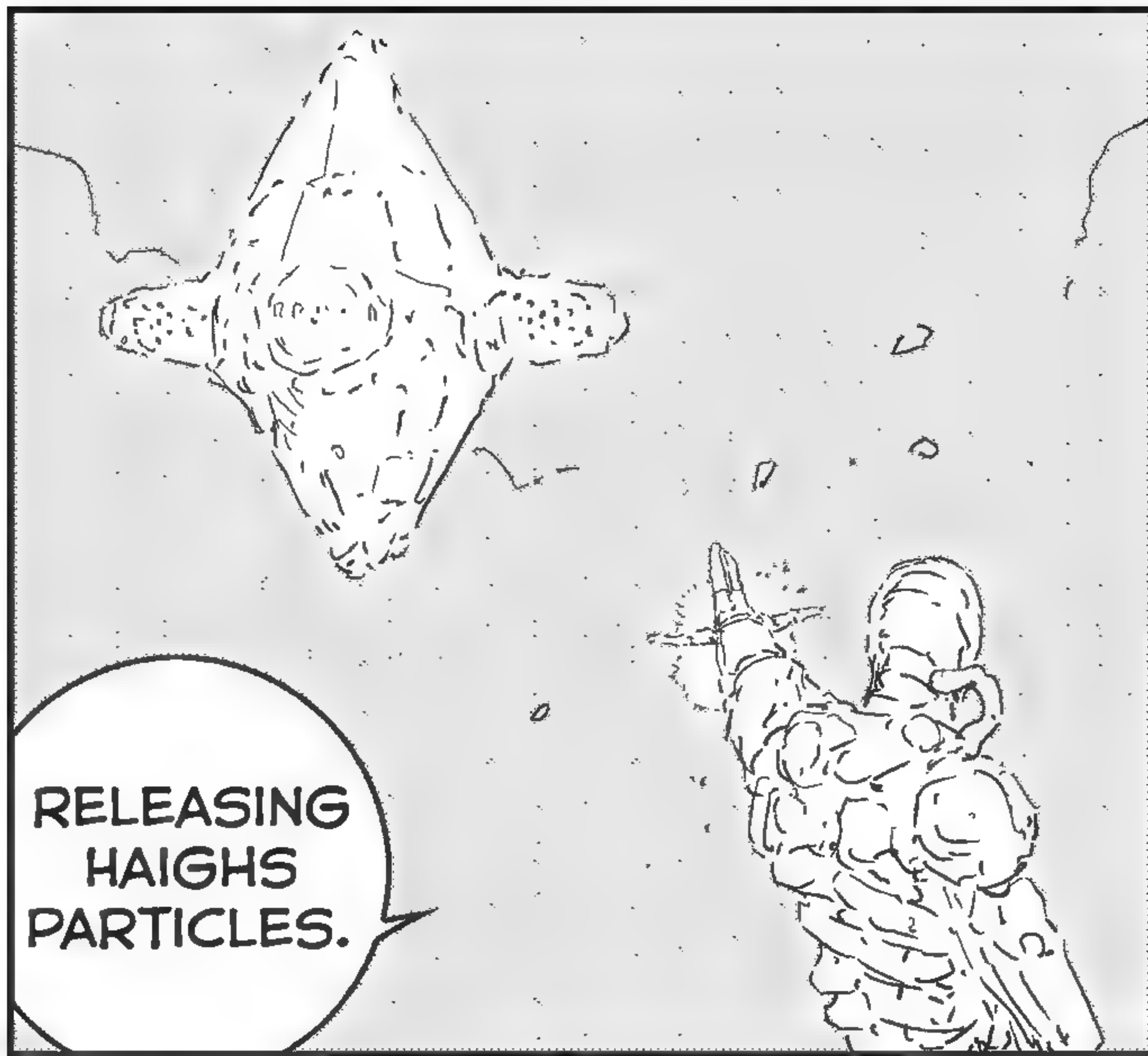
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SLUMP

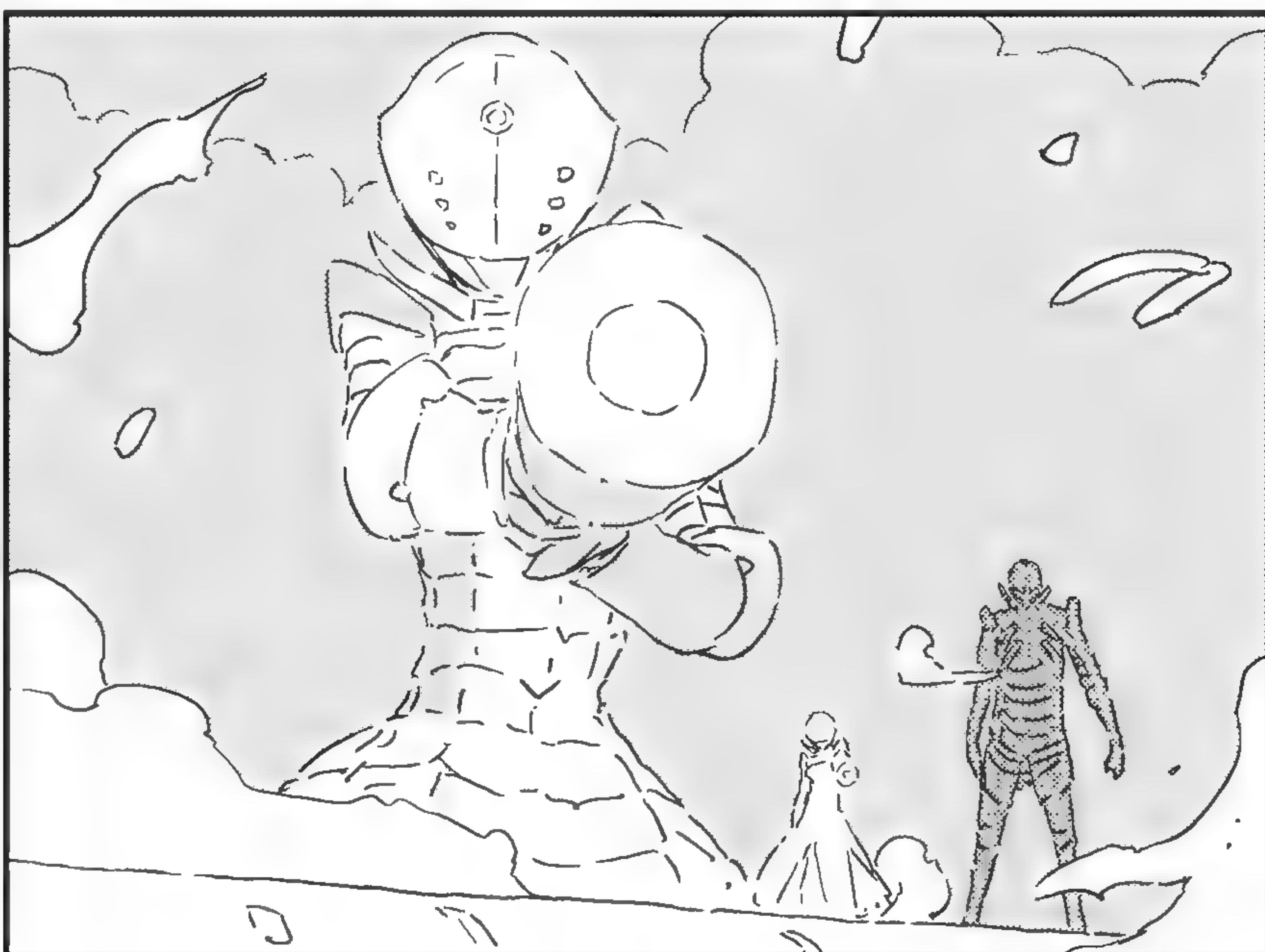


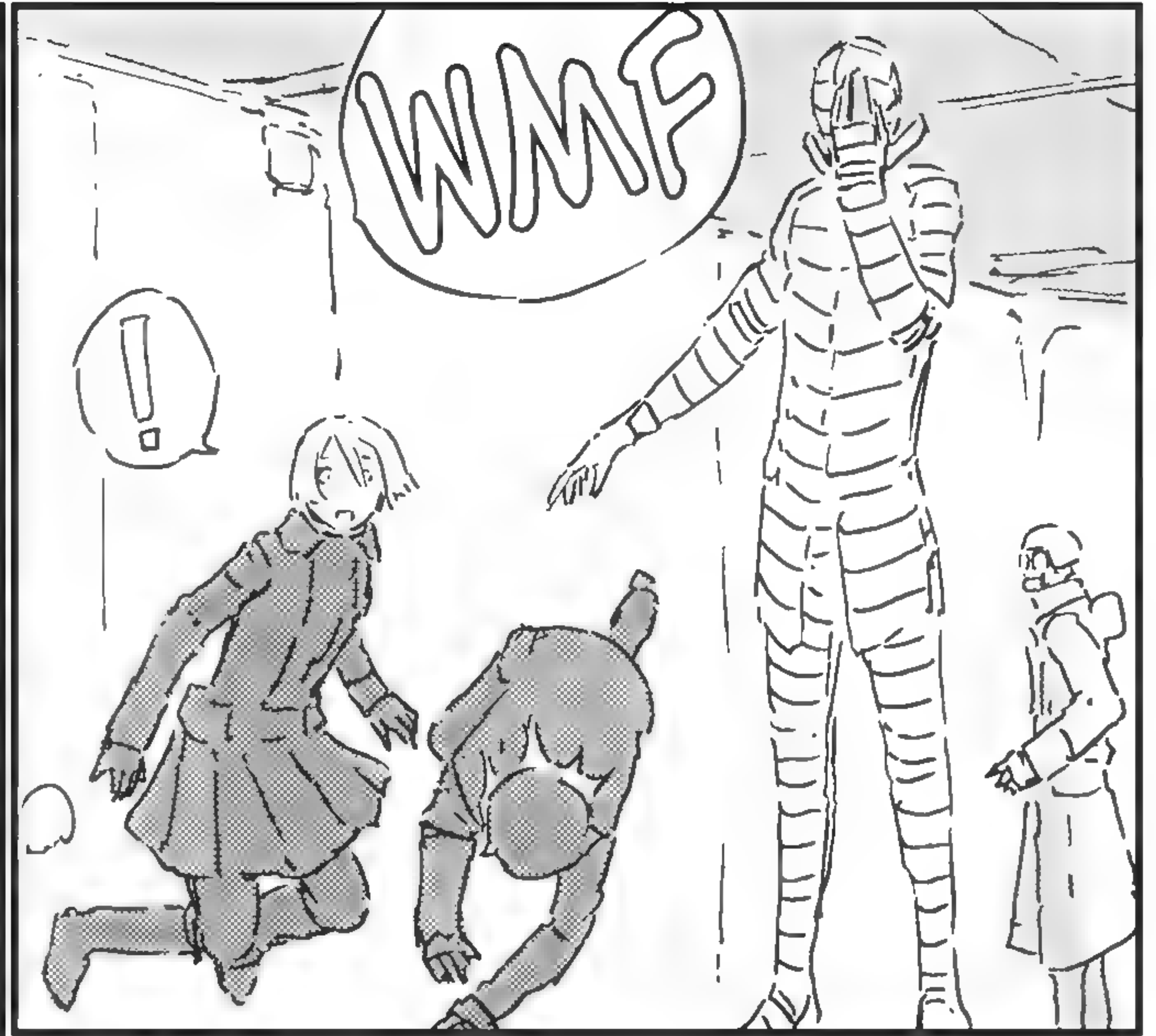




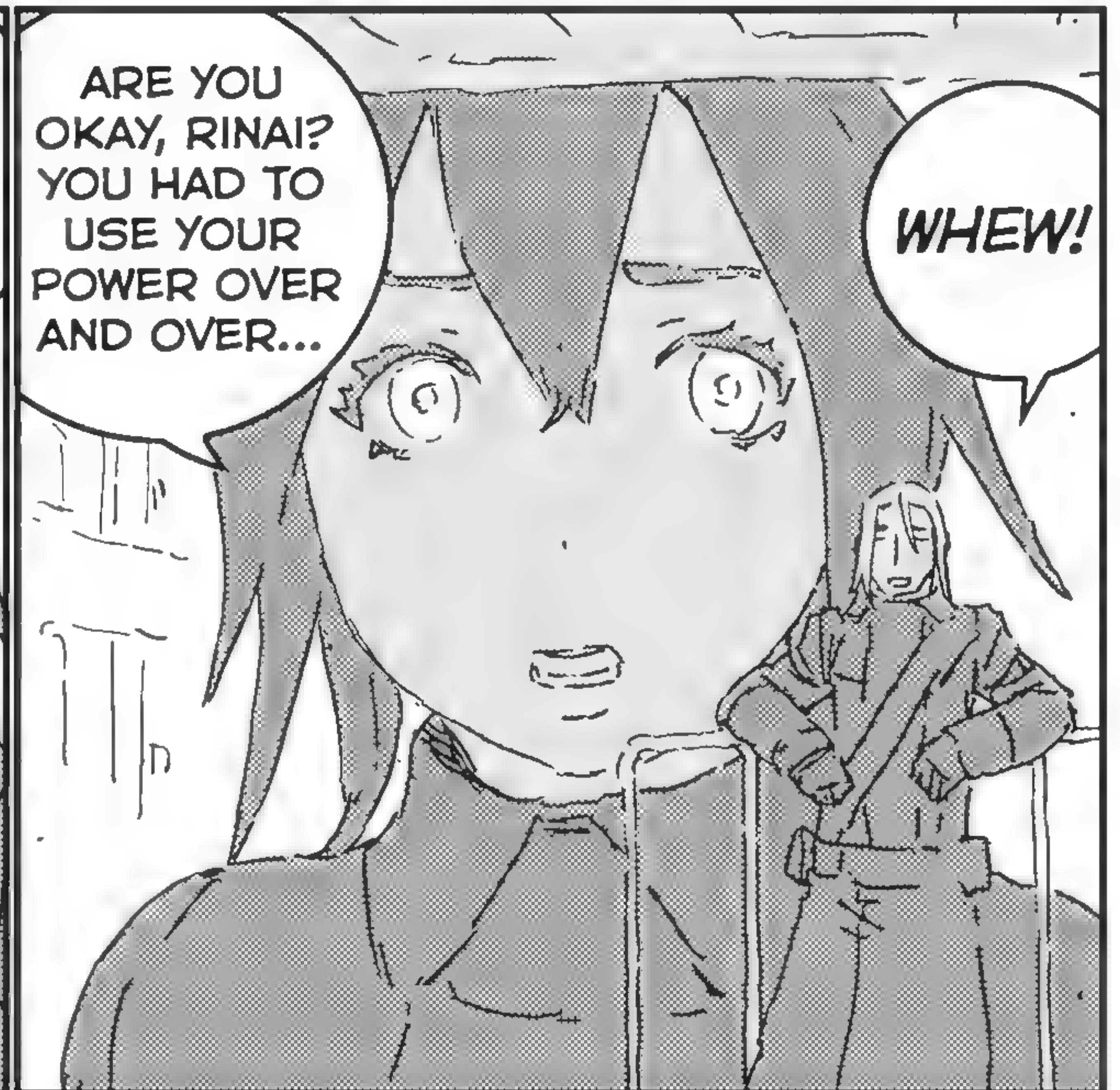








THEY WERE
LIGHT AND IT
WASN'T FAR,
SO I'M FINE.



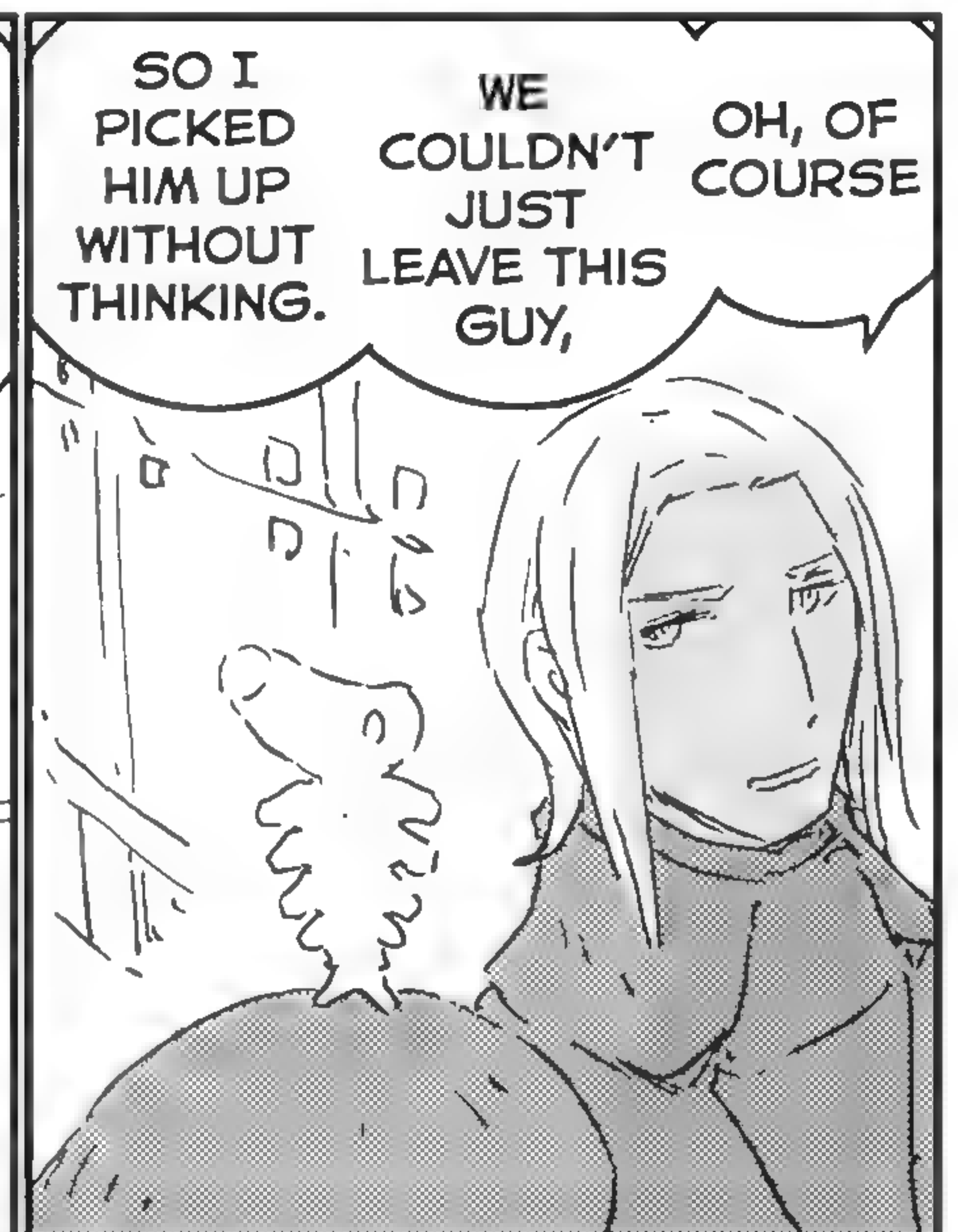
ARE YOU
OKAY, RINAI?
YOU HAD TO
USE YOUR
POWER OVER
AND OVER...



SURE
THING!

MIND IT
FOR ME,
WOULD
YOU?

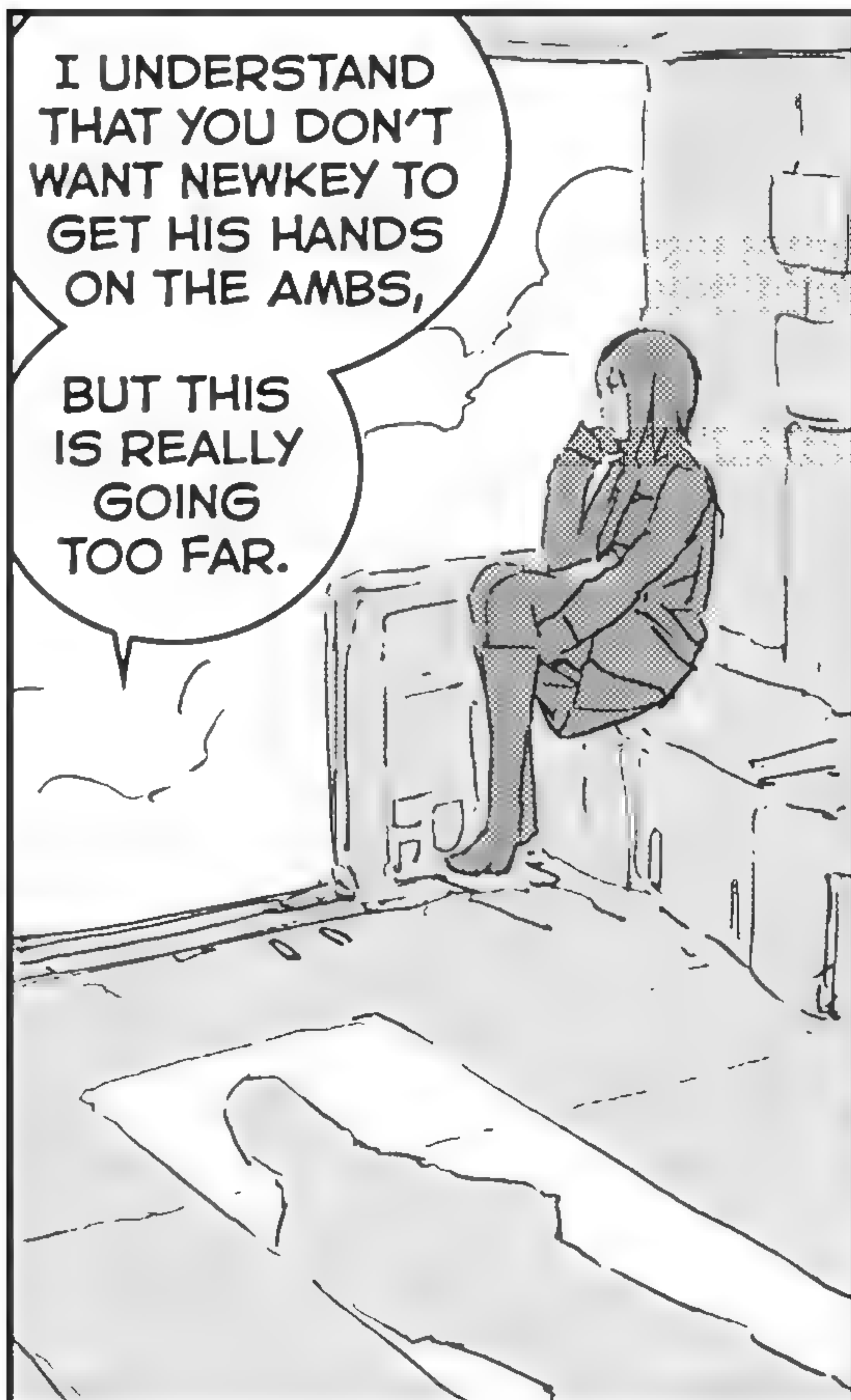
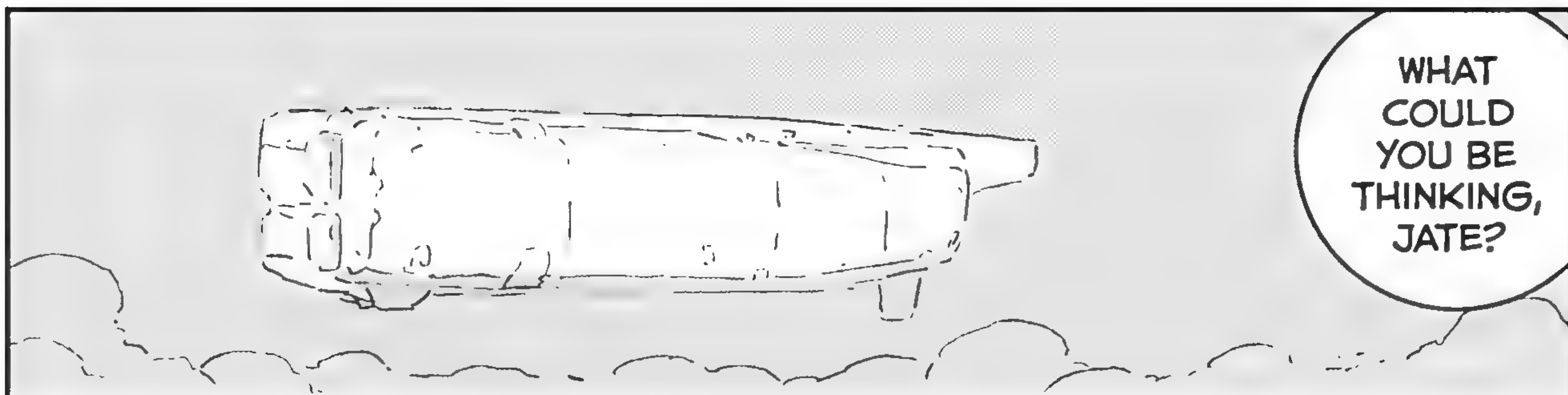
AJATE,
YOU CAN
PROBABLY
TALK TO IT,
RIGHT?

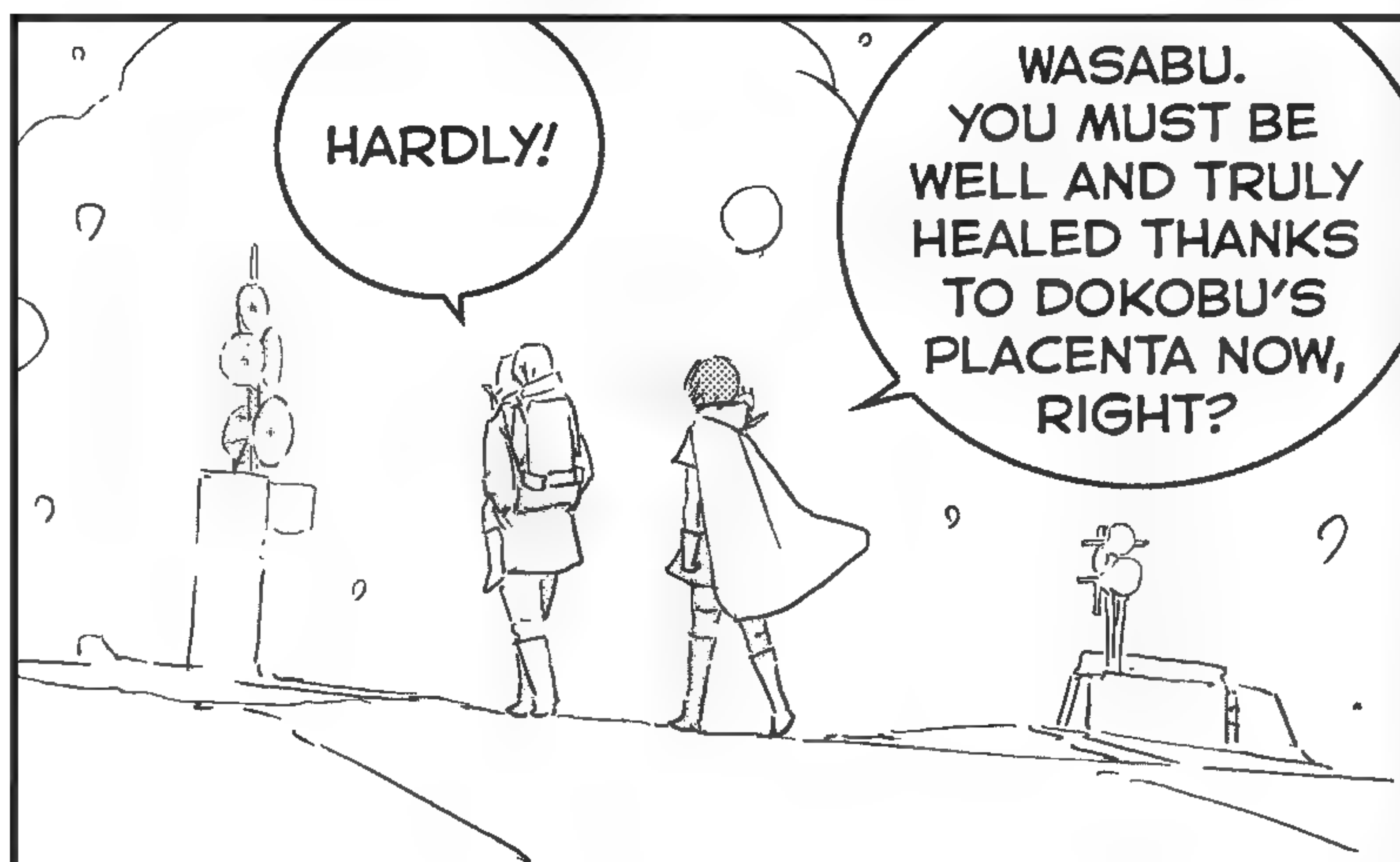
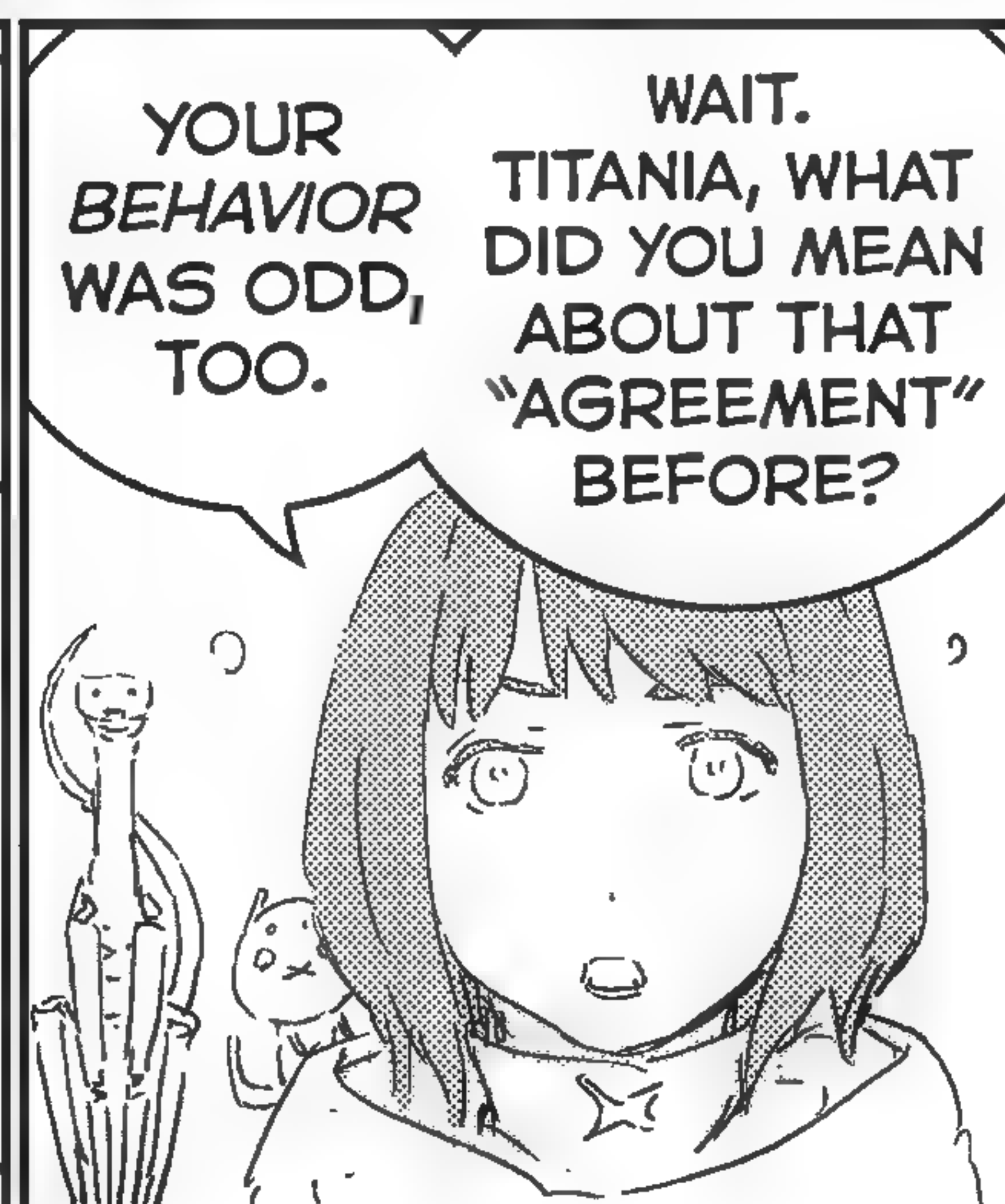
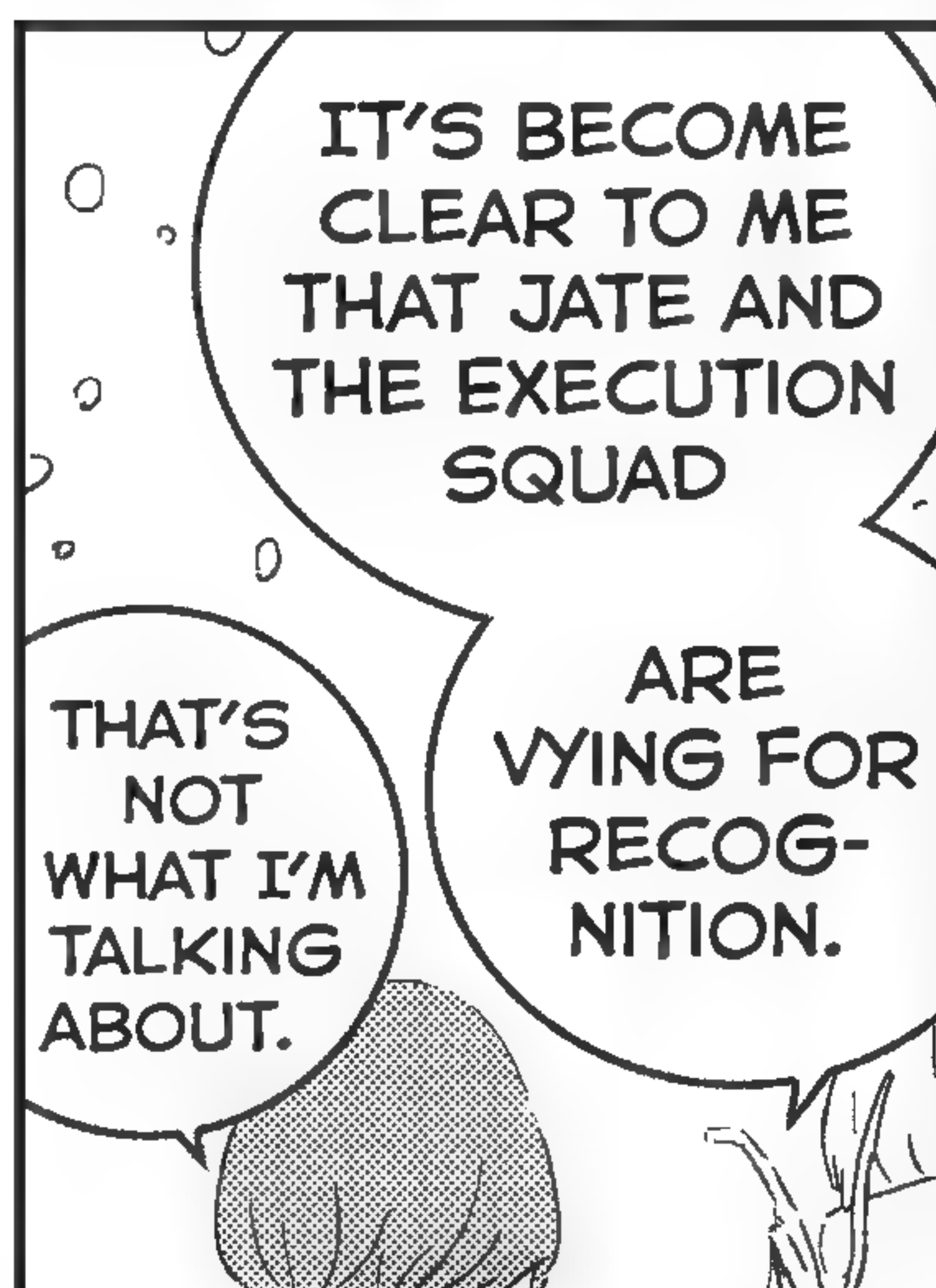
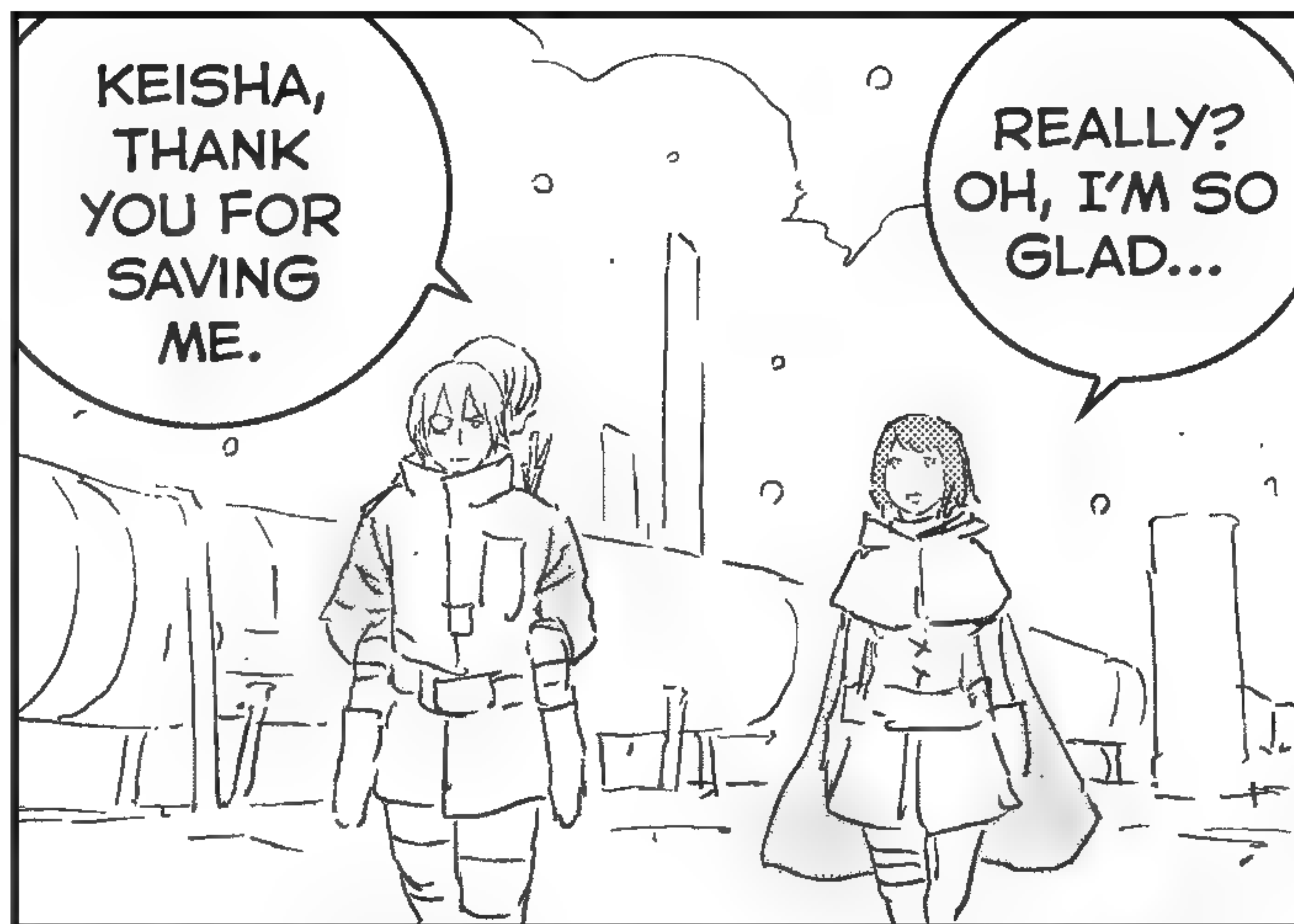


SO I
PICKED
HIM UP
WITHOUT
THINKING.

WE
COULDN'T
JUST
LEAVE THIS
GUY,

OH, OF
COURSE

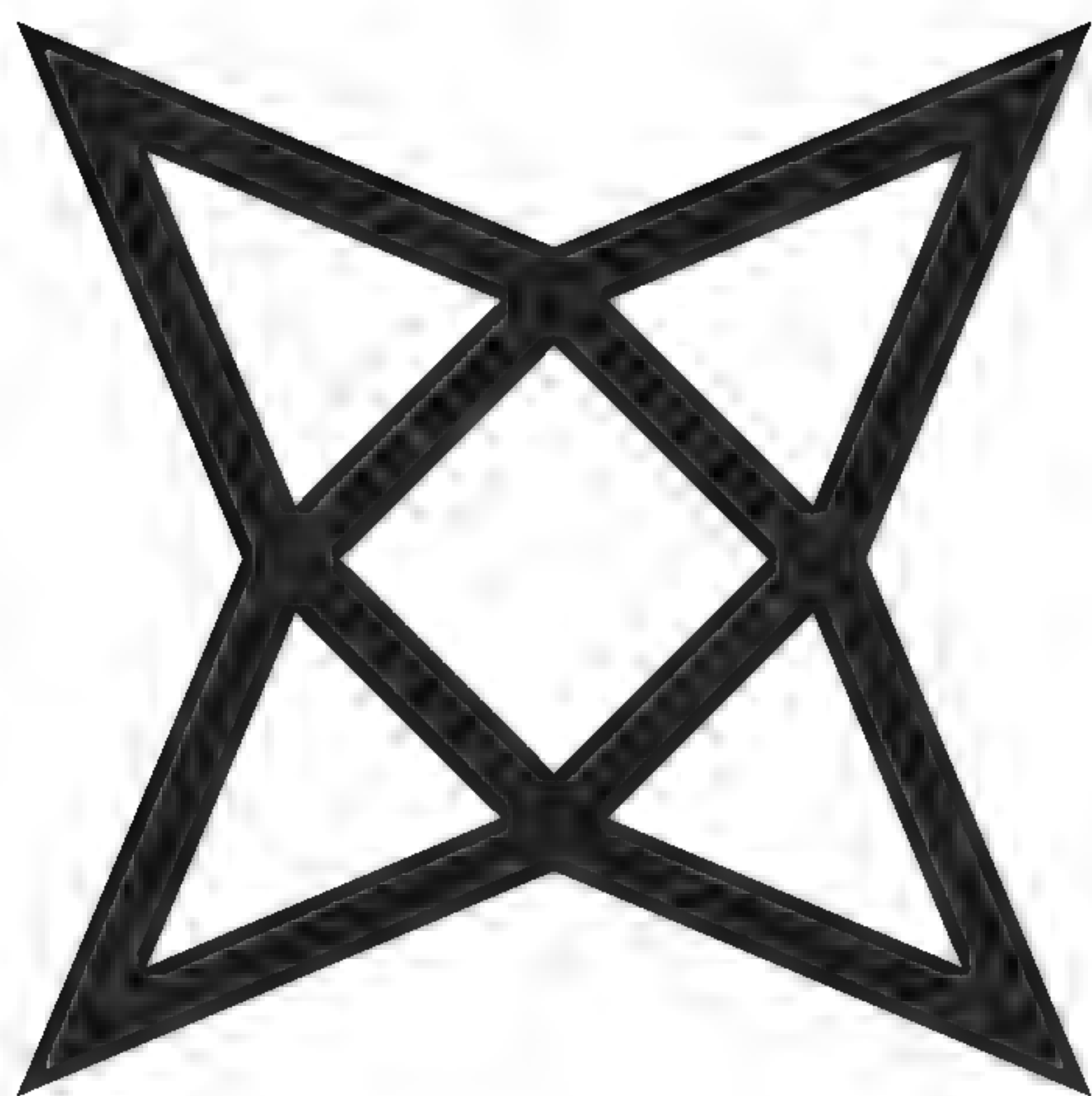




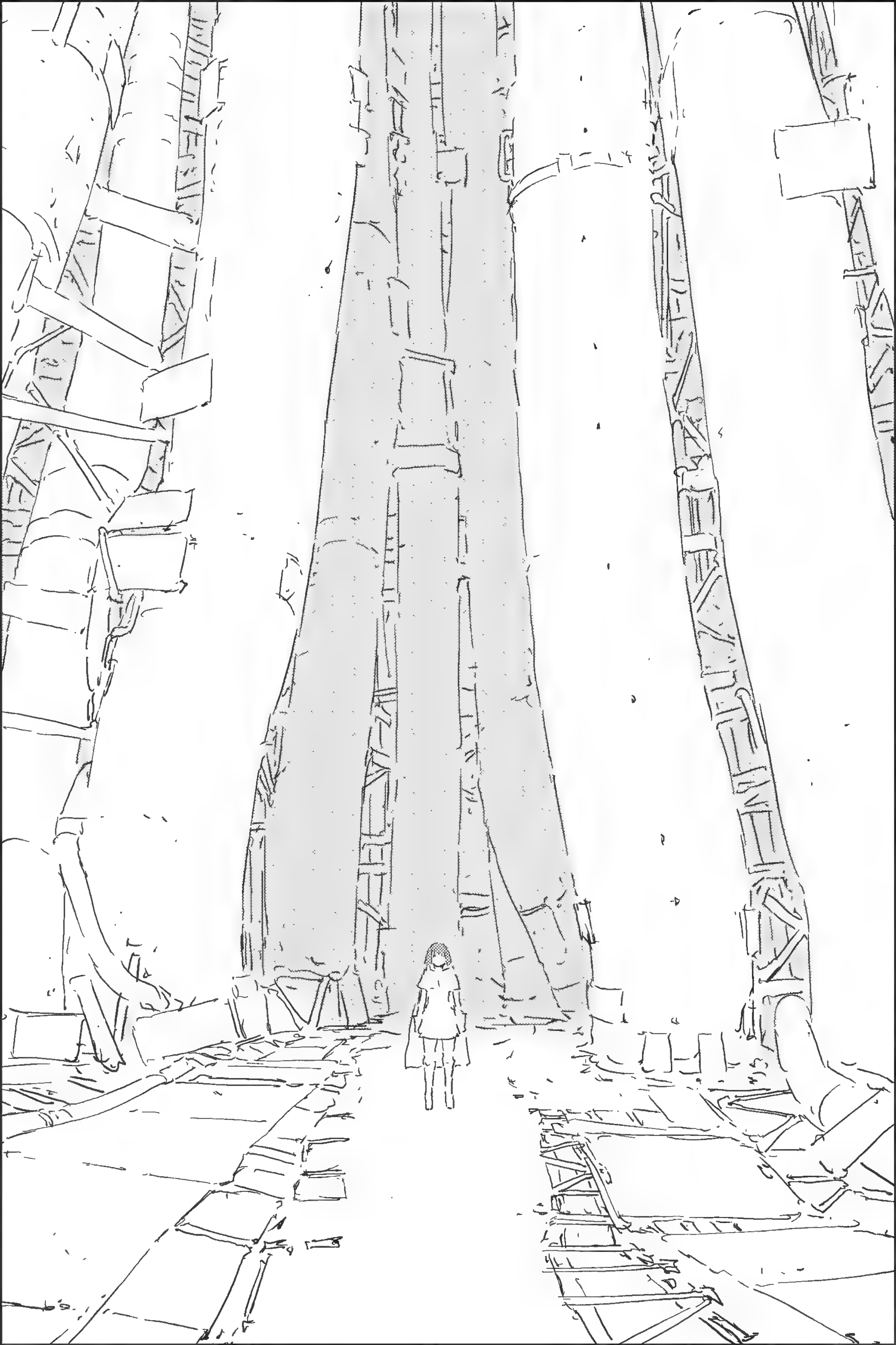
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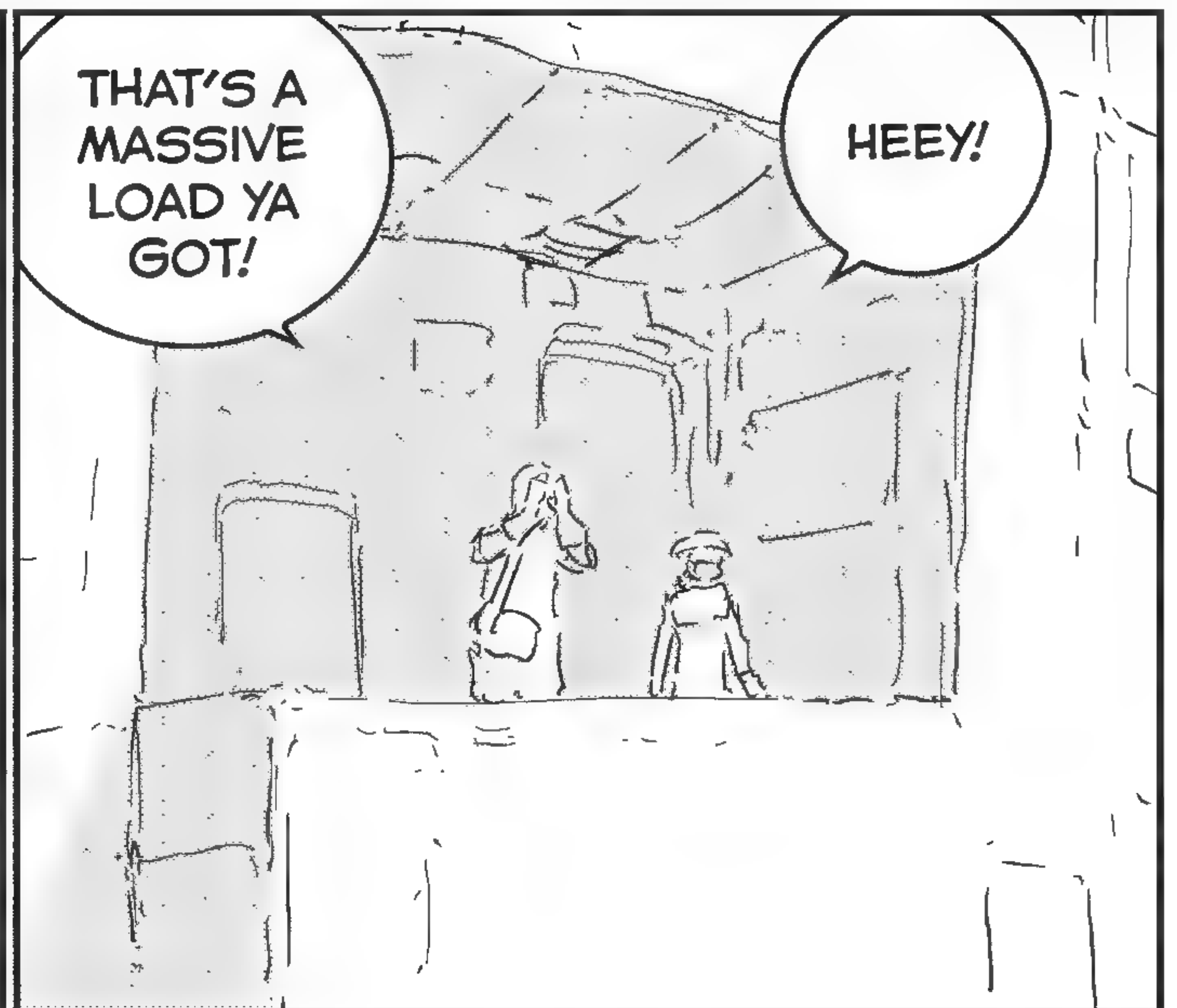
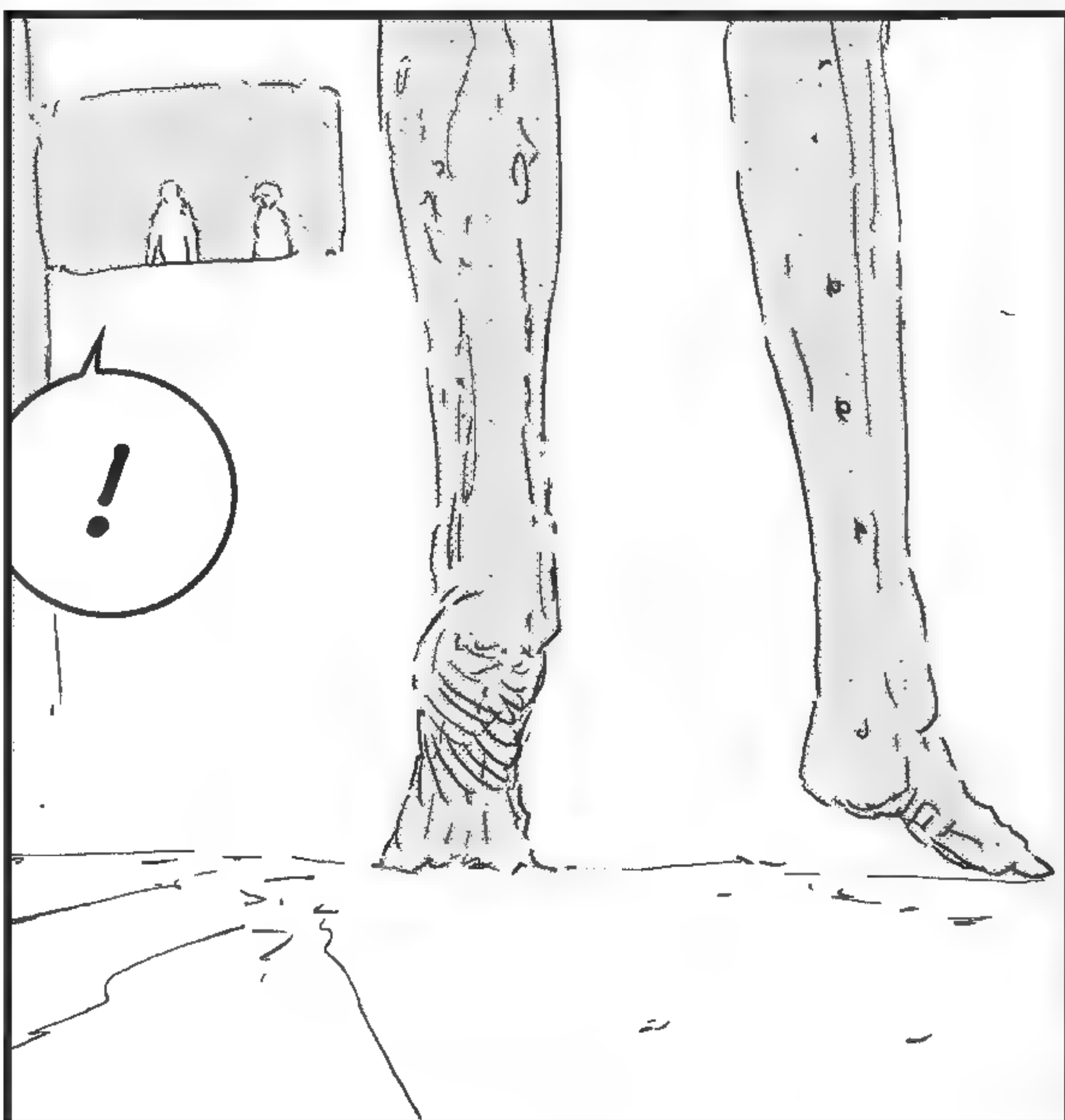
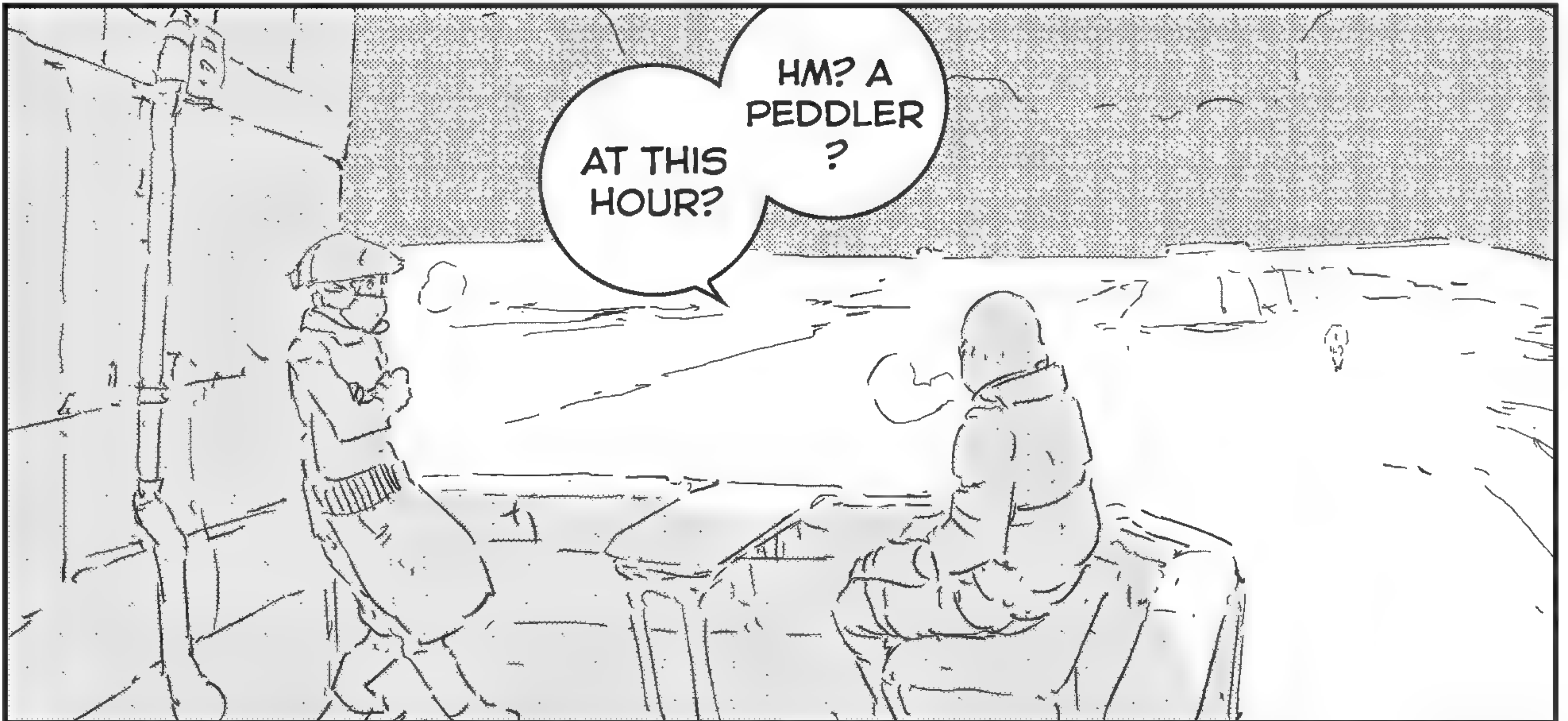
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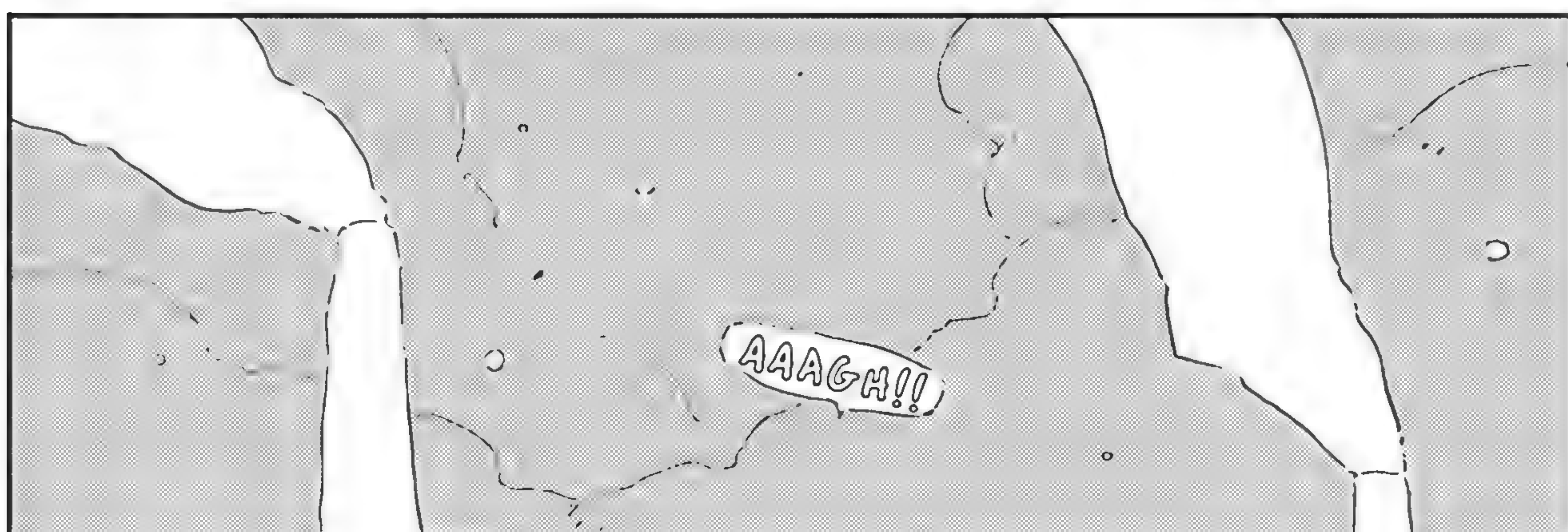
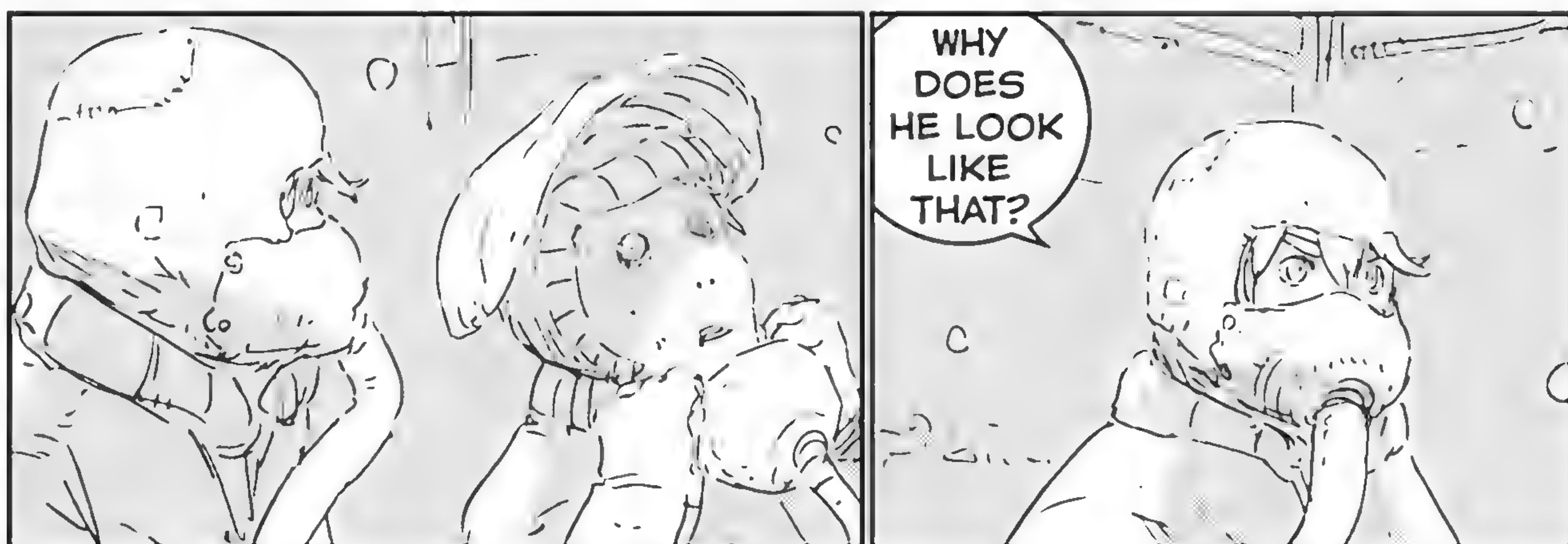
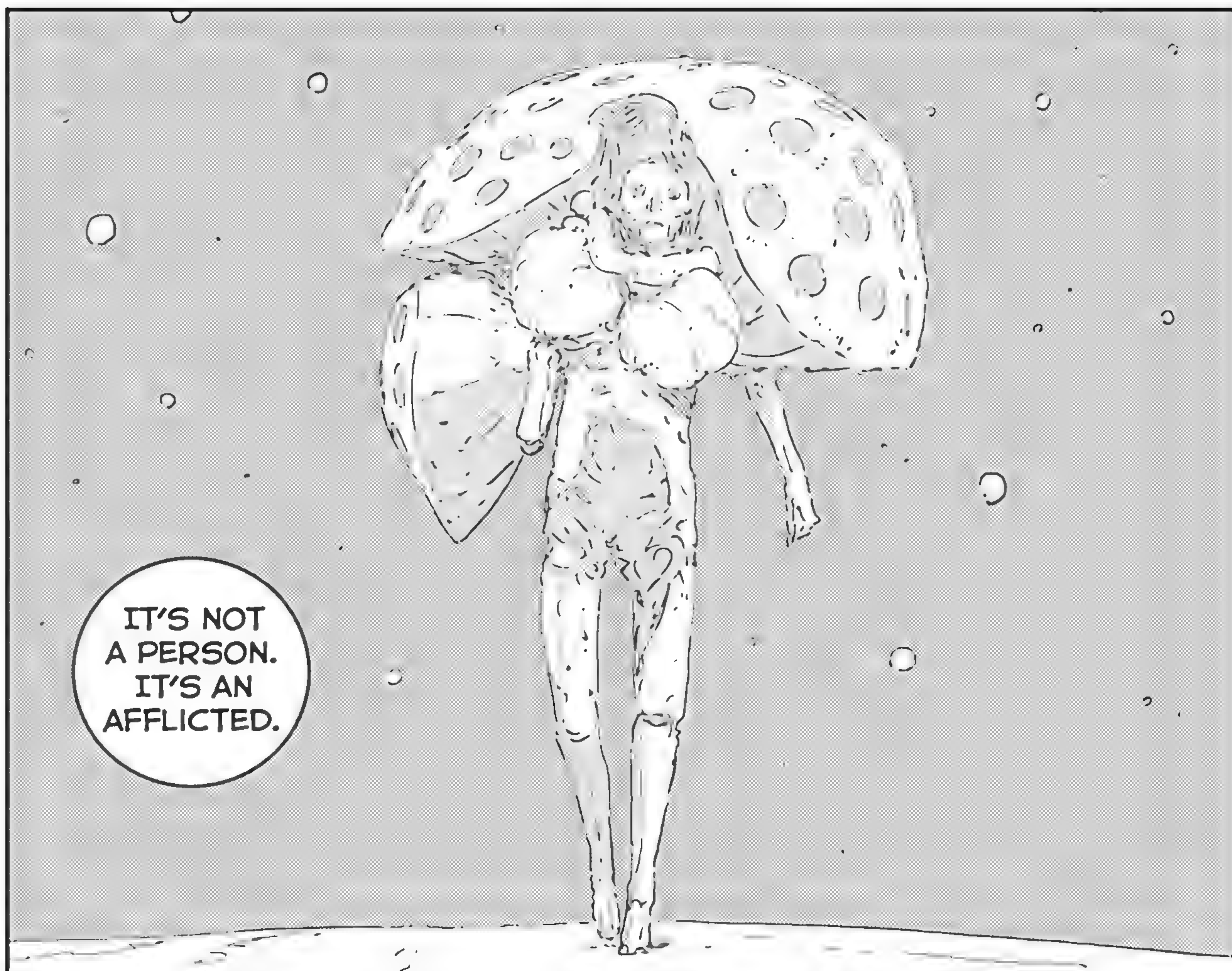
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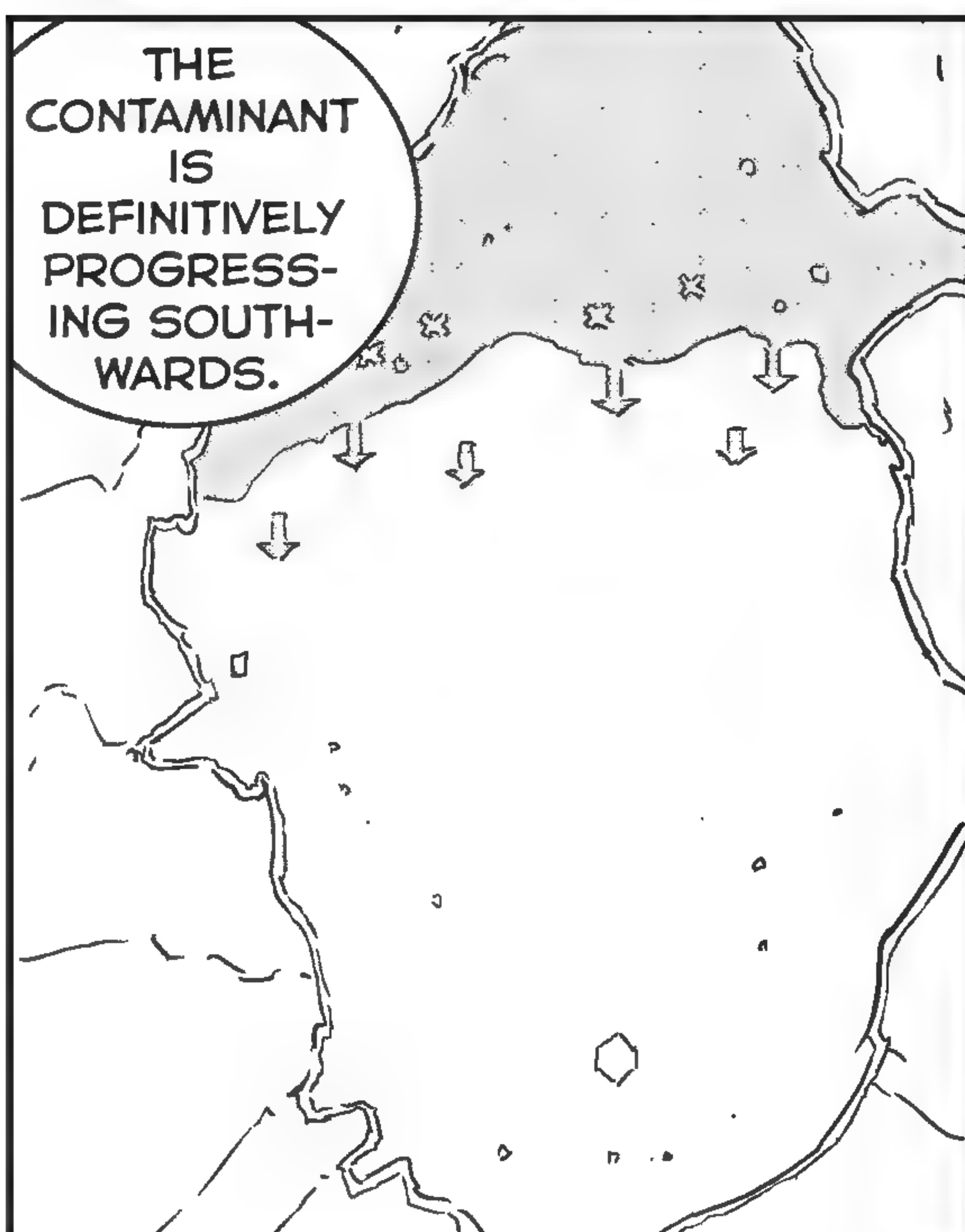
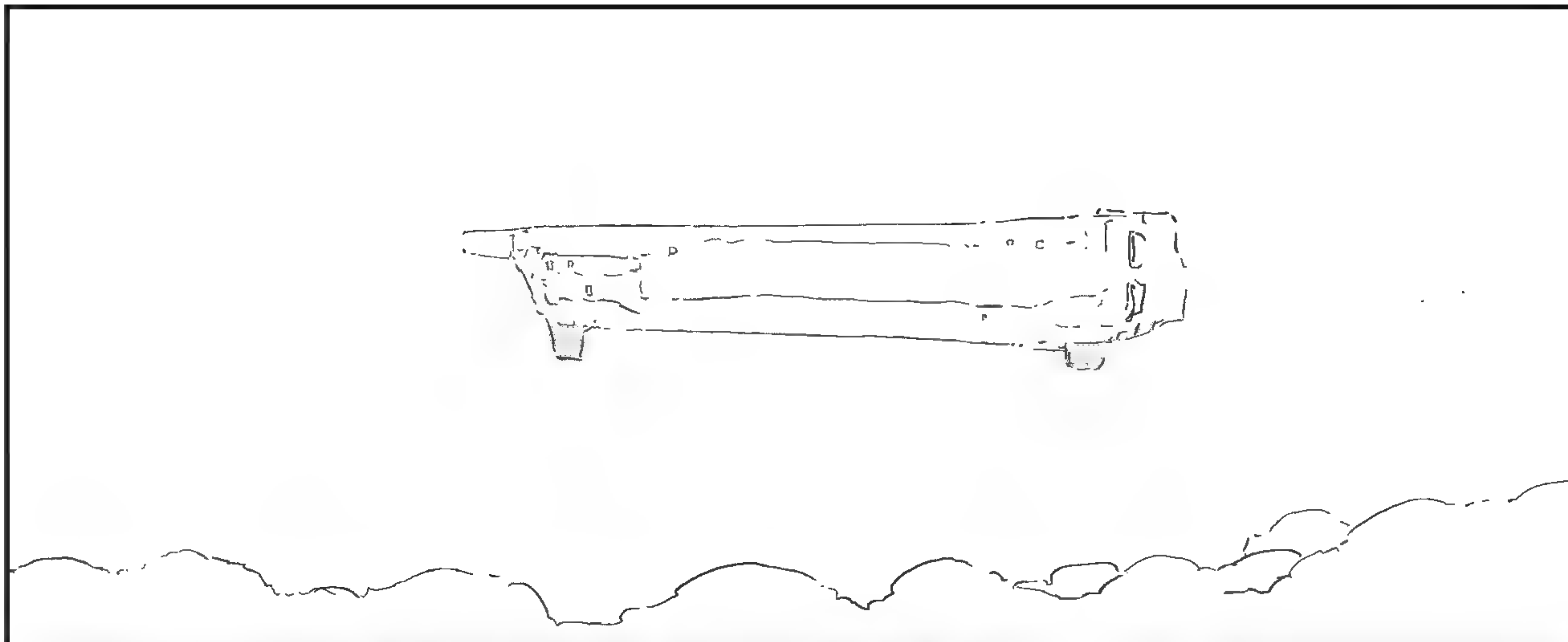


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THE
CONTAMINANT
IS
DEFINITELY
PROGRESS-
ING SOUTH-
WARDS.



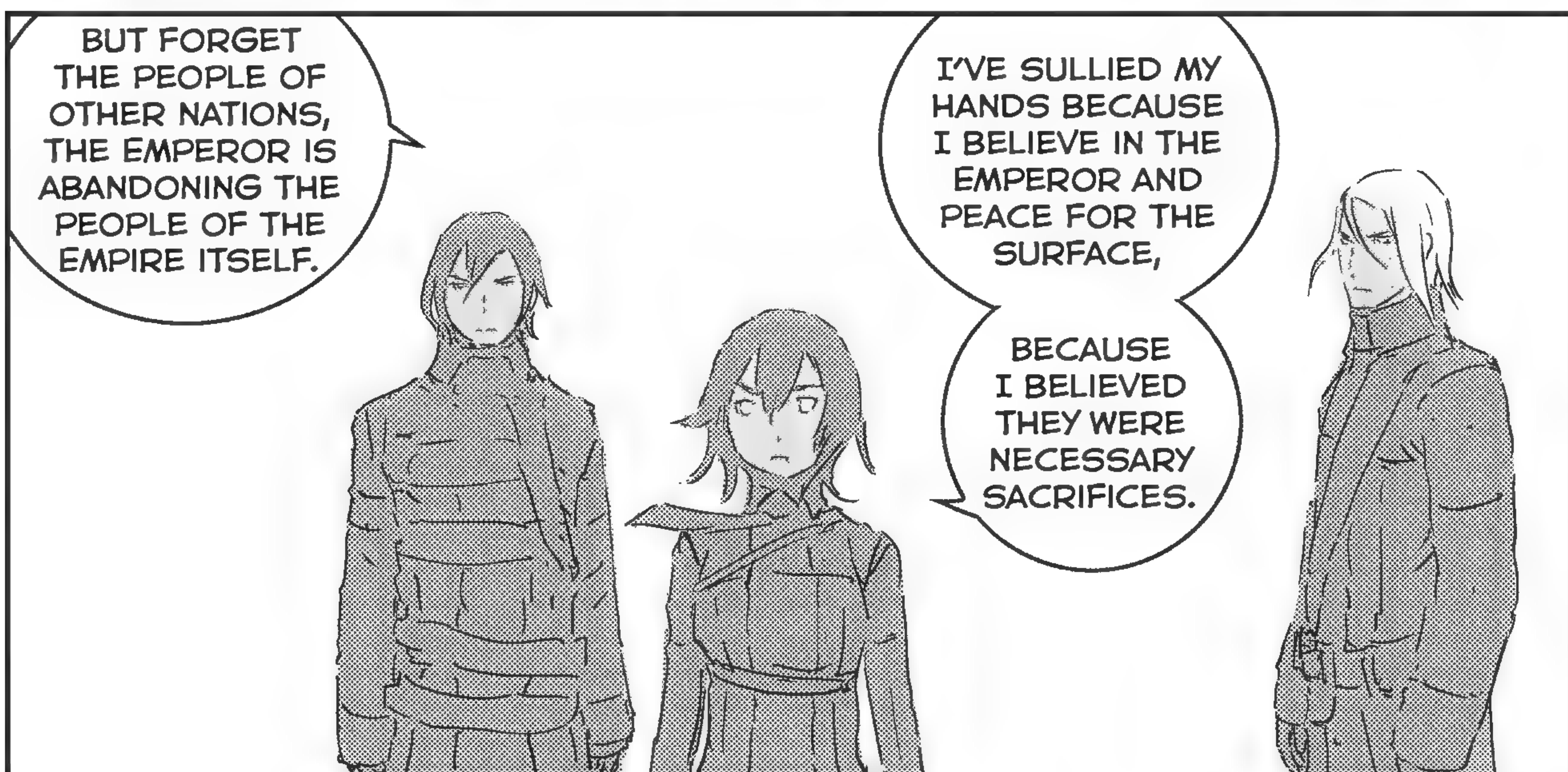
LAST NIGHT
ALONE, ONE
MEDIUM-SIZED
CITY AND THREE
SMALL ONES
WERE STRUCK.

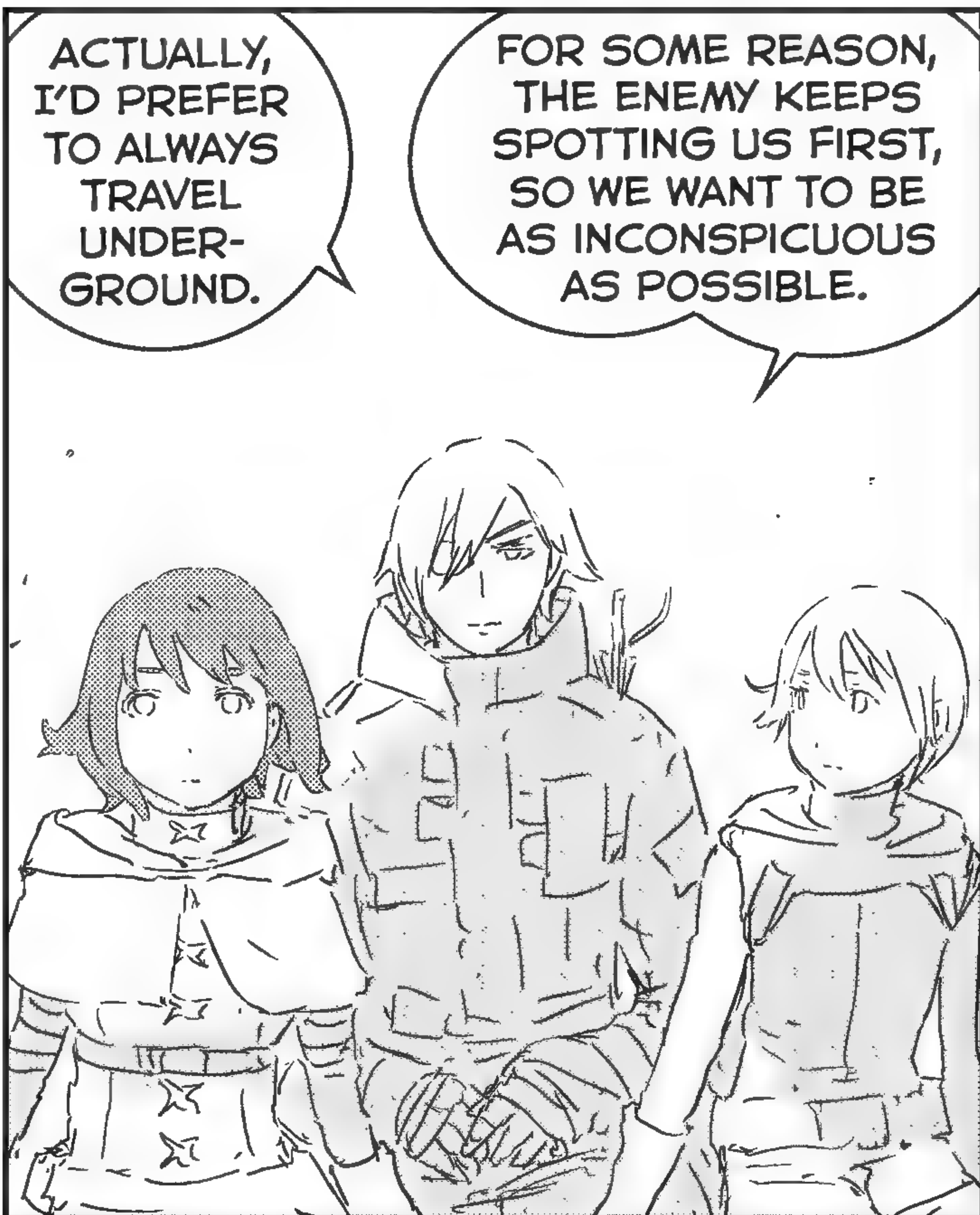
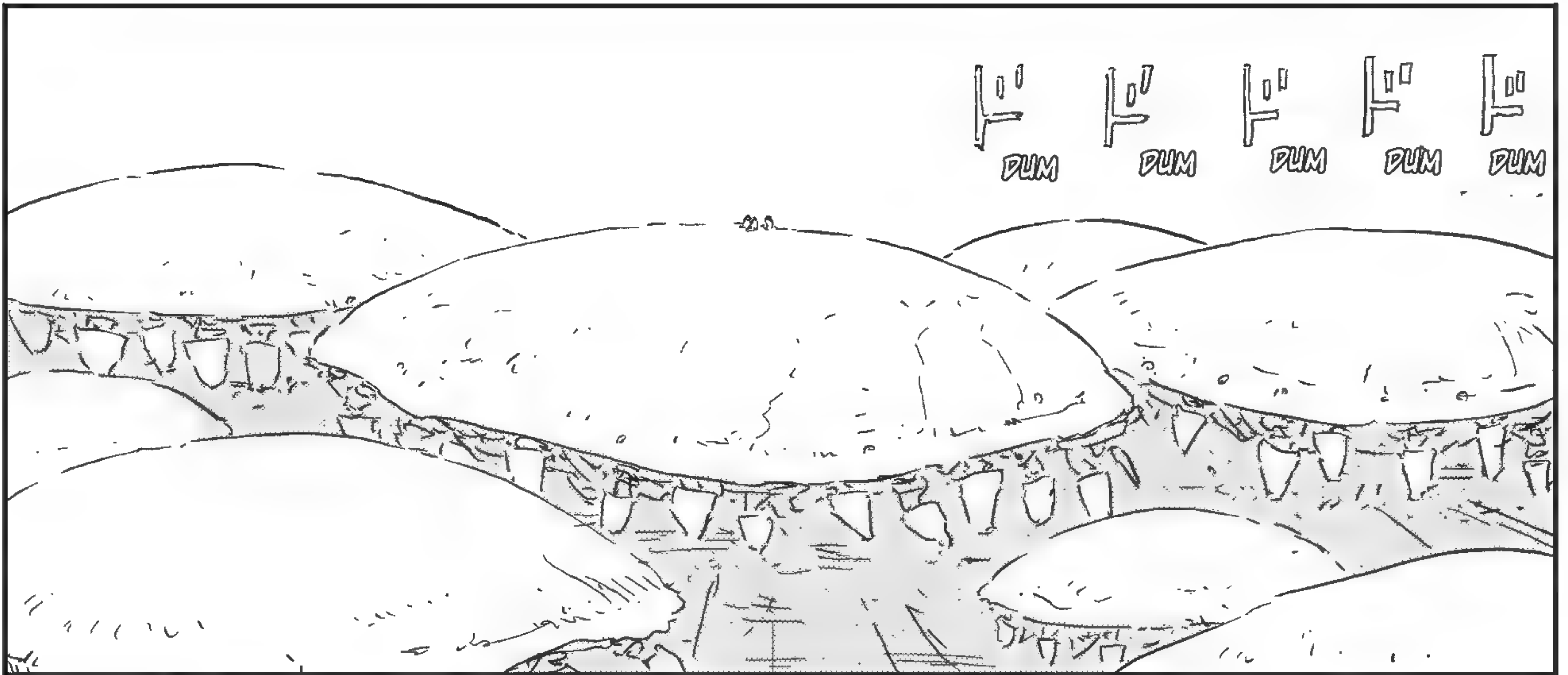
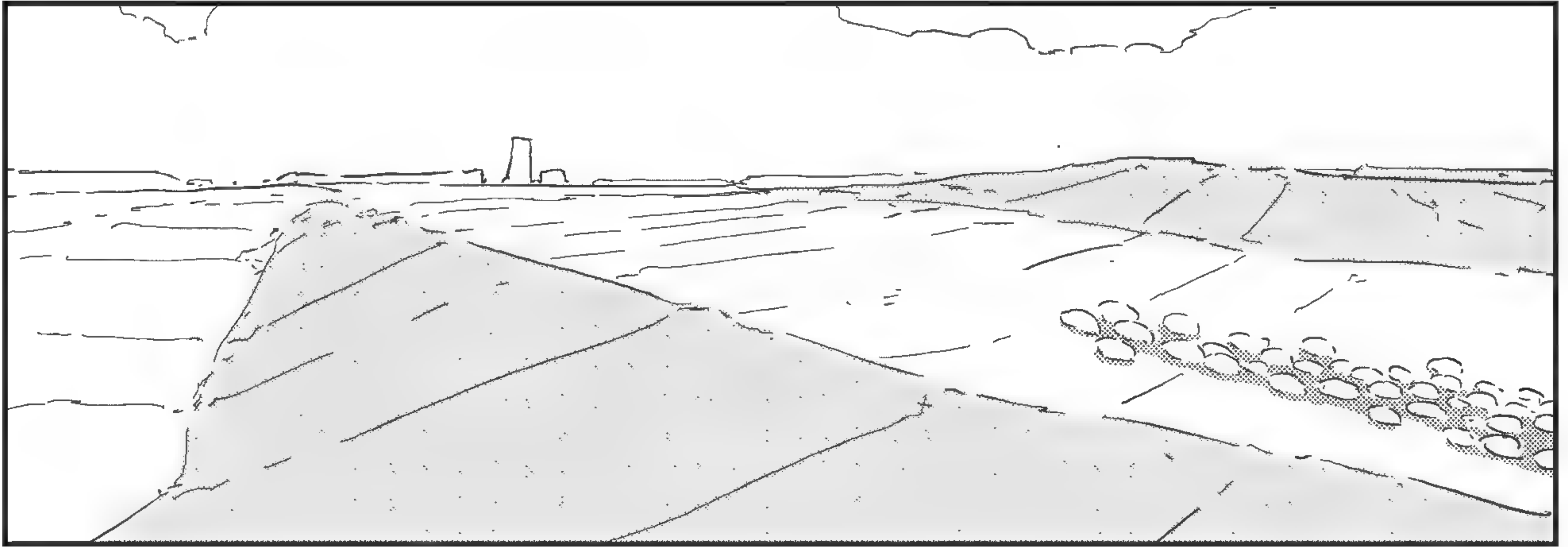


AT THIS RATE,
EVERYONE
REALLY WILL
BECOME
INFECTED.



WHY ISN'T
HQ TAKING
SERIOUS
COUNTER-
MEASURES?





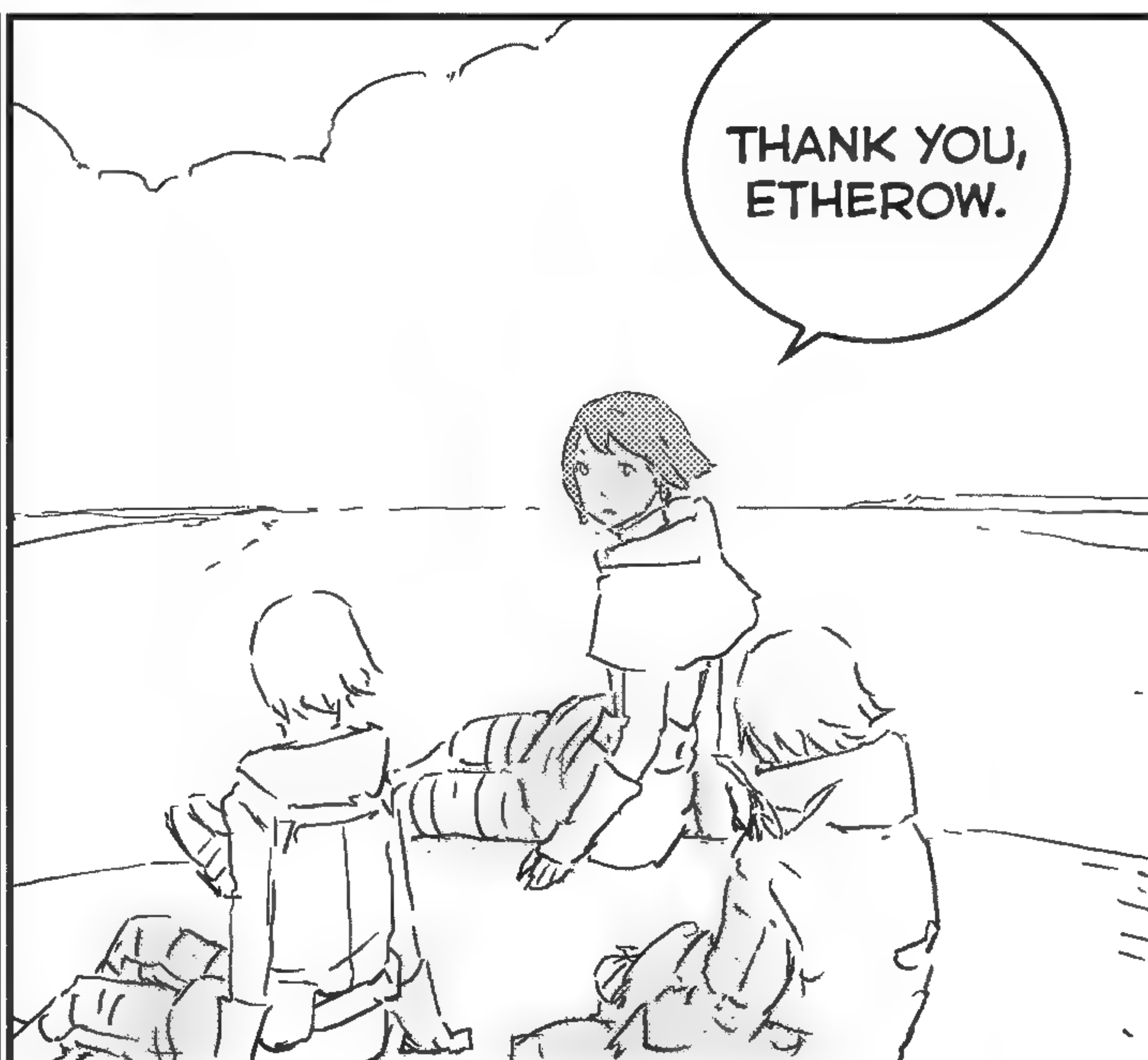
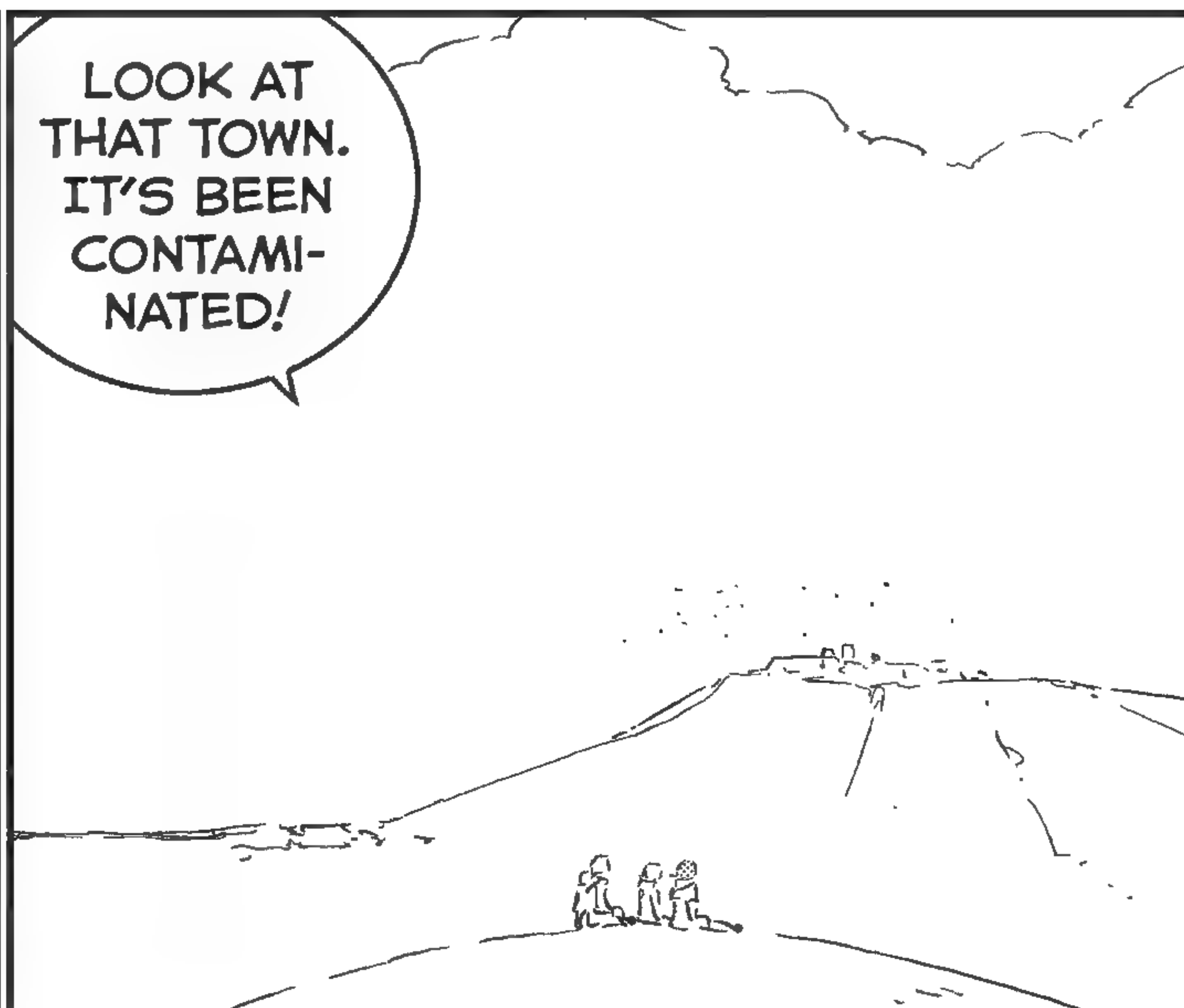
ACTUALLY,
I'D PREFER
TO ALWAYS
TRAVEL
UNDER-
GROUND.

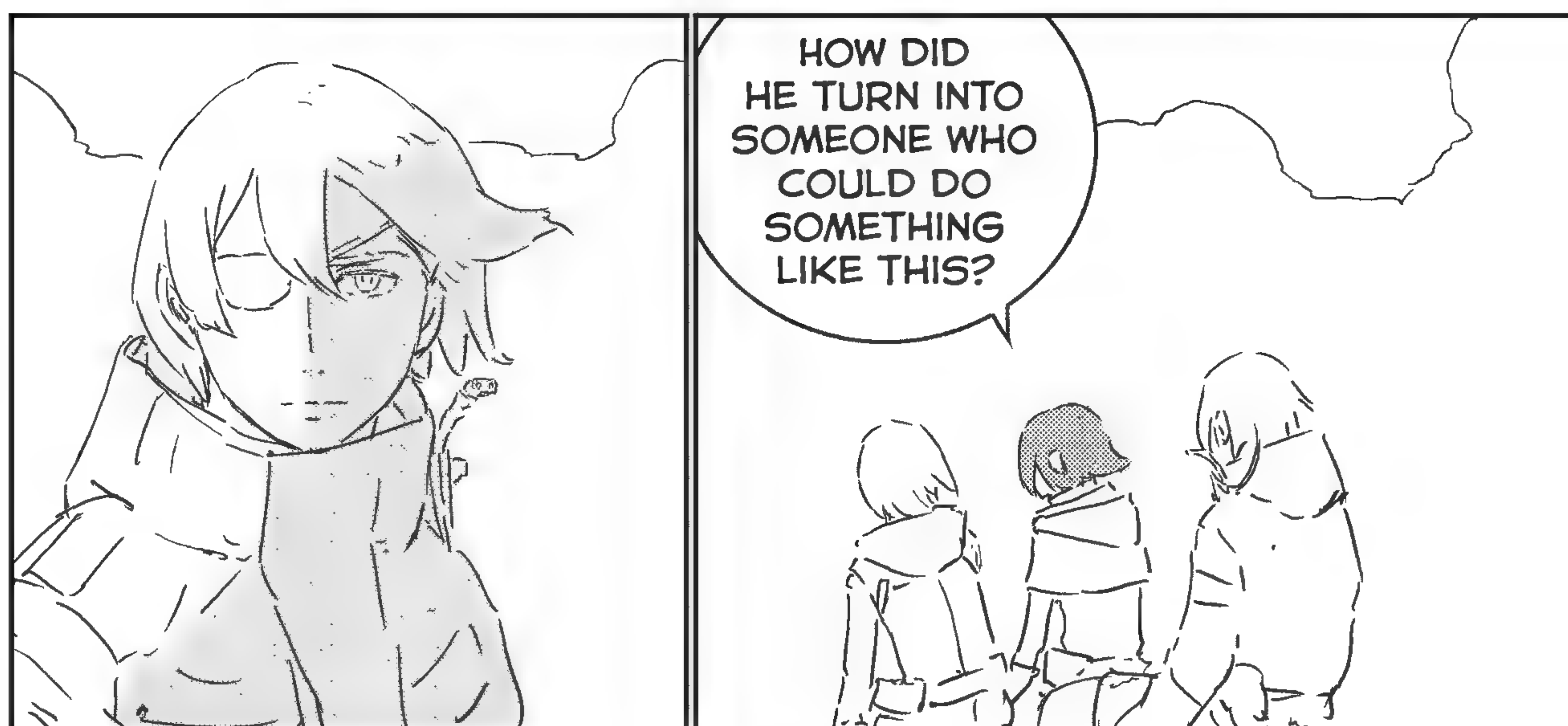
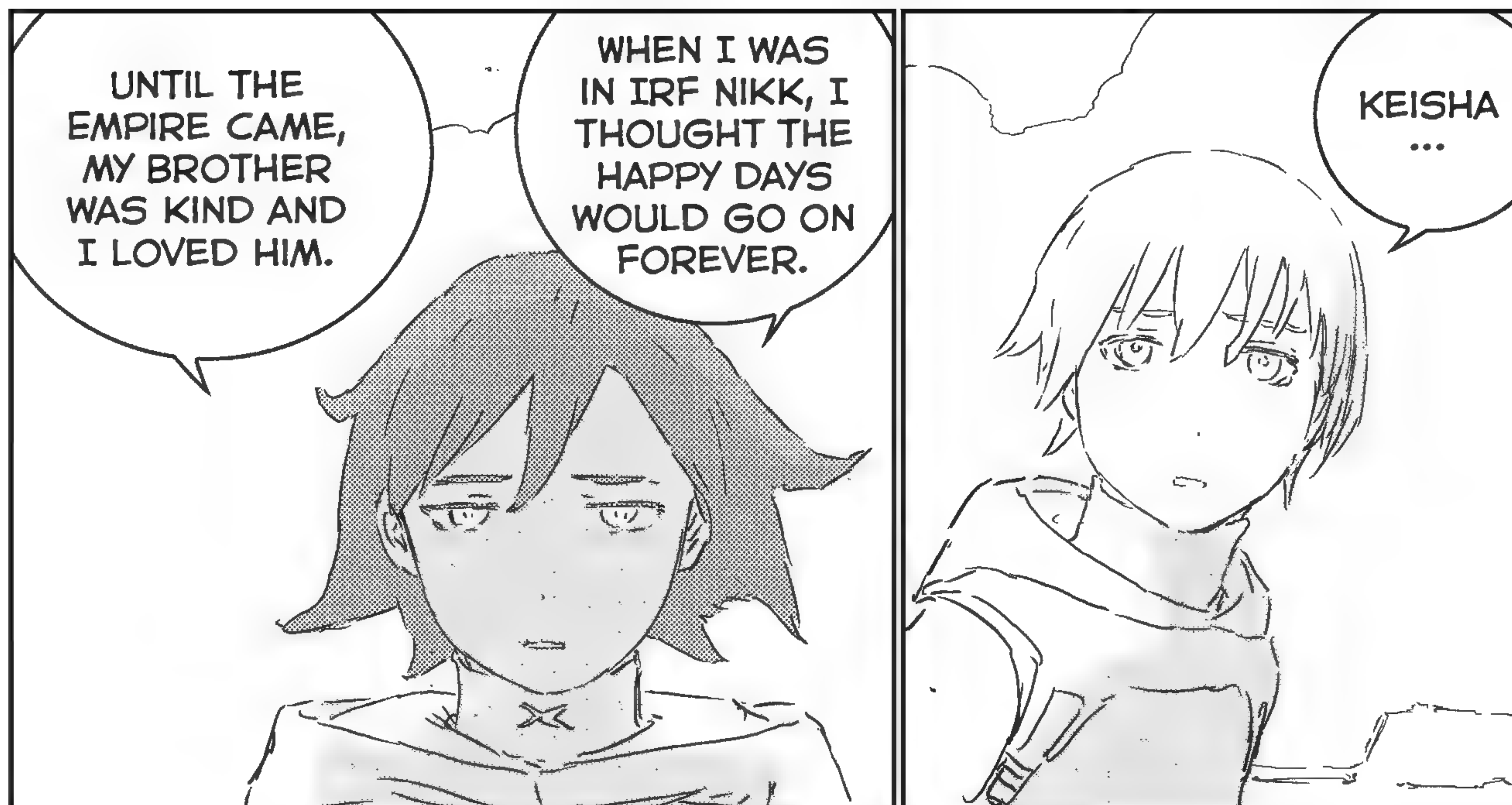
FOR SOME REASON,
THE ENEMY KEEPS
SPOTTING US FIRST,
SO WE WANT TO BE
AS INCONSPICUOUS
AS POSSIBLE.

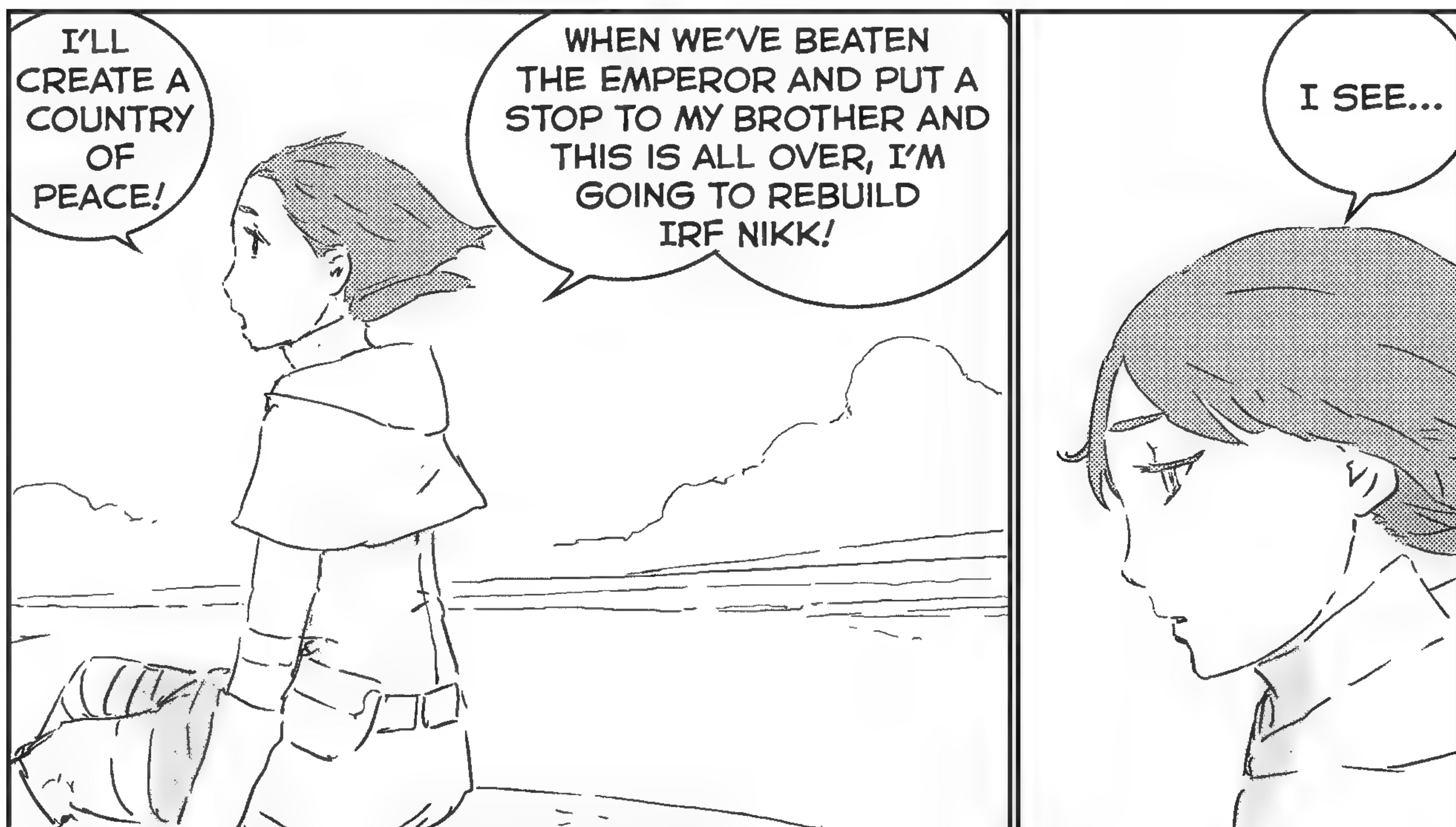
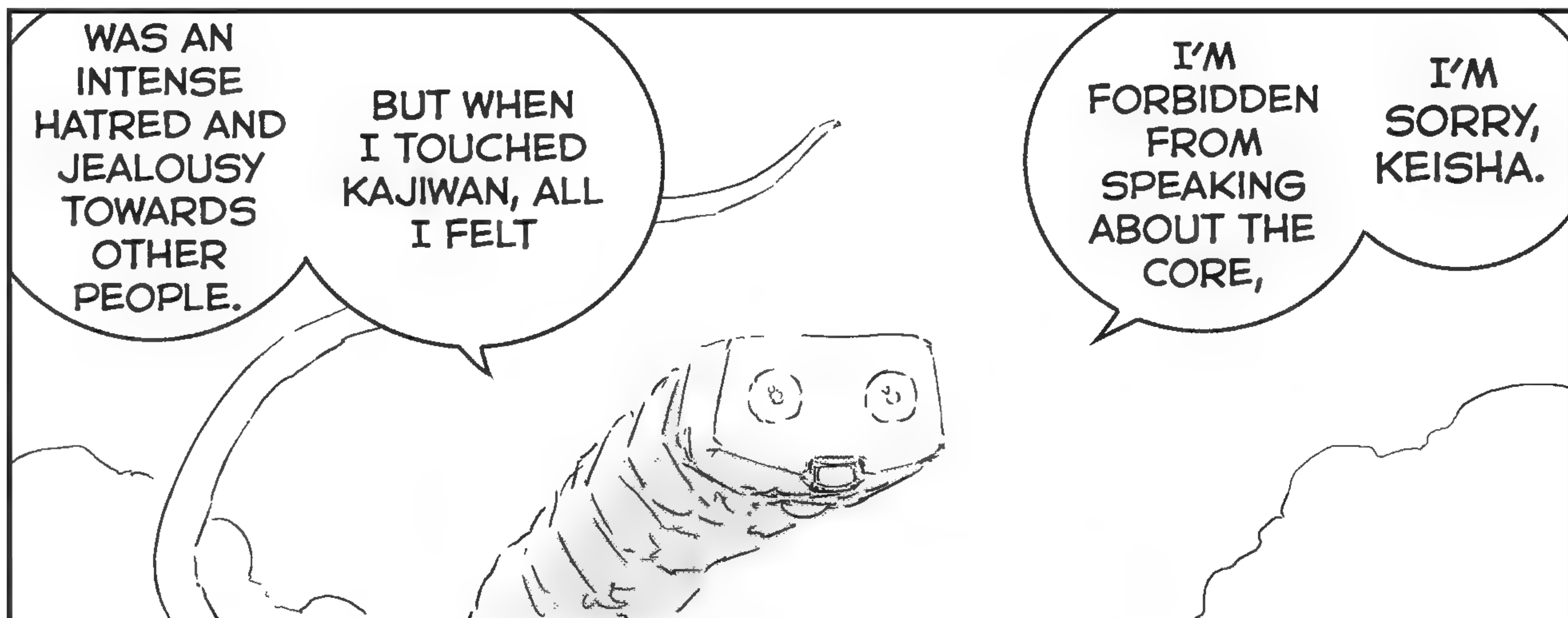


ALTHOUGH
I GUESS
IT'S BETTER
THAN
WALKING.

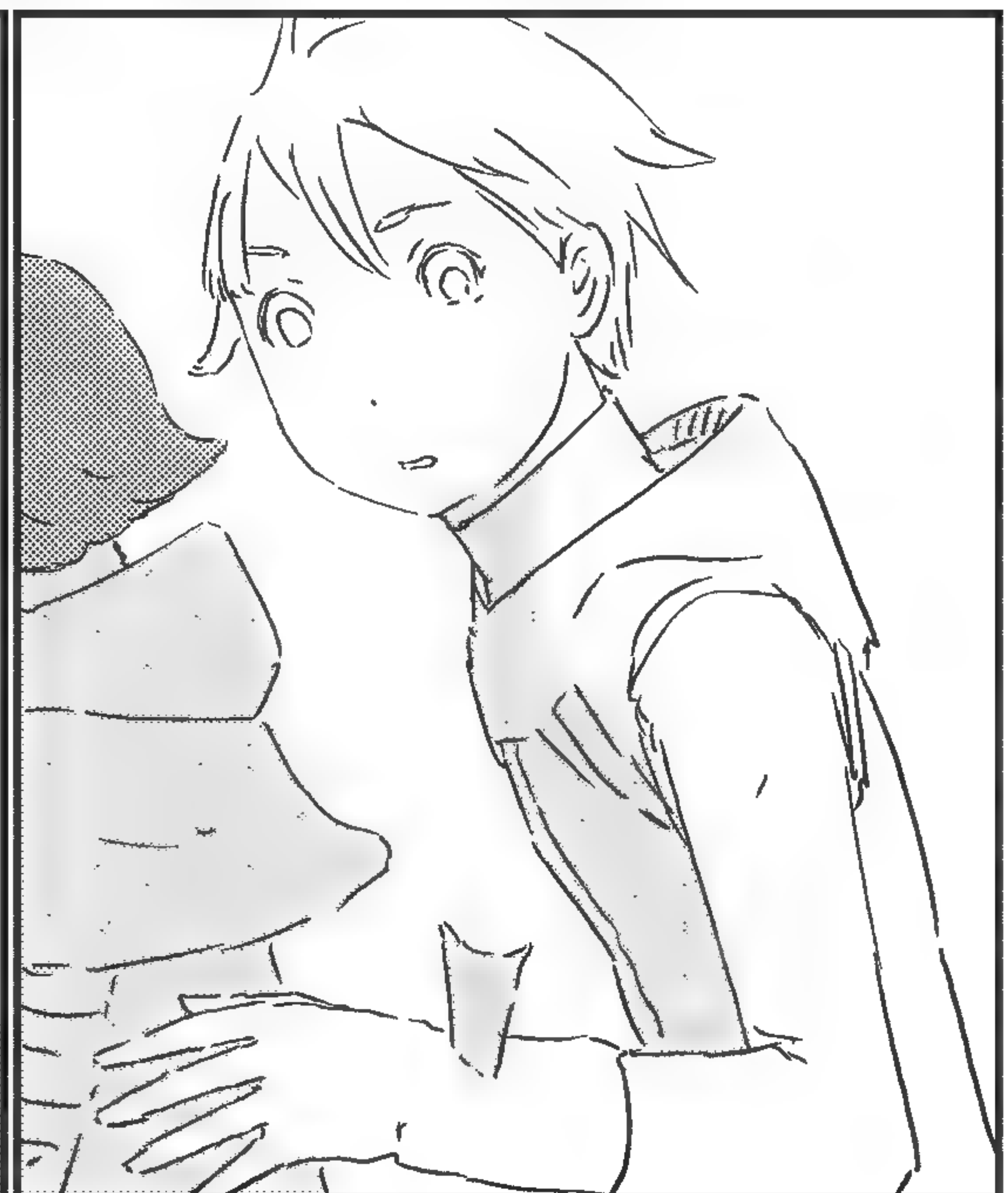
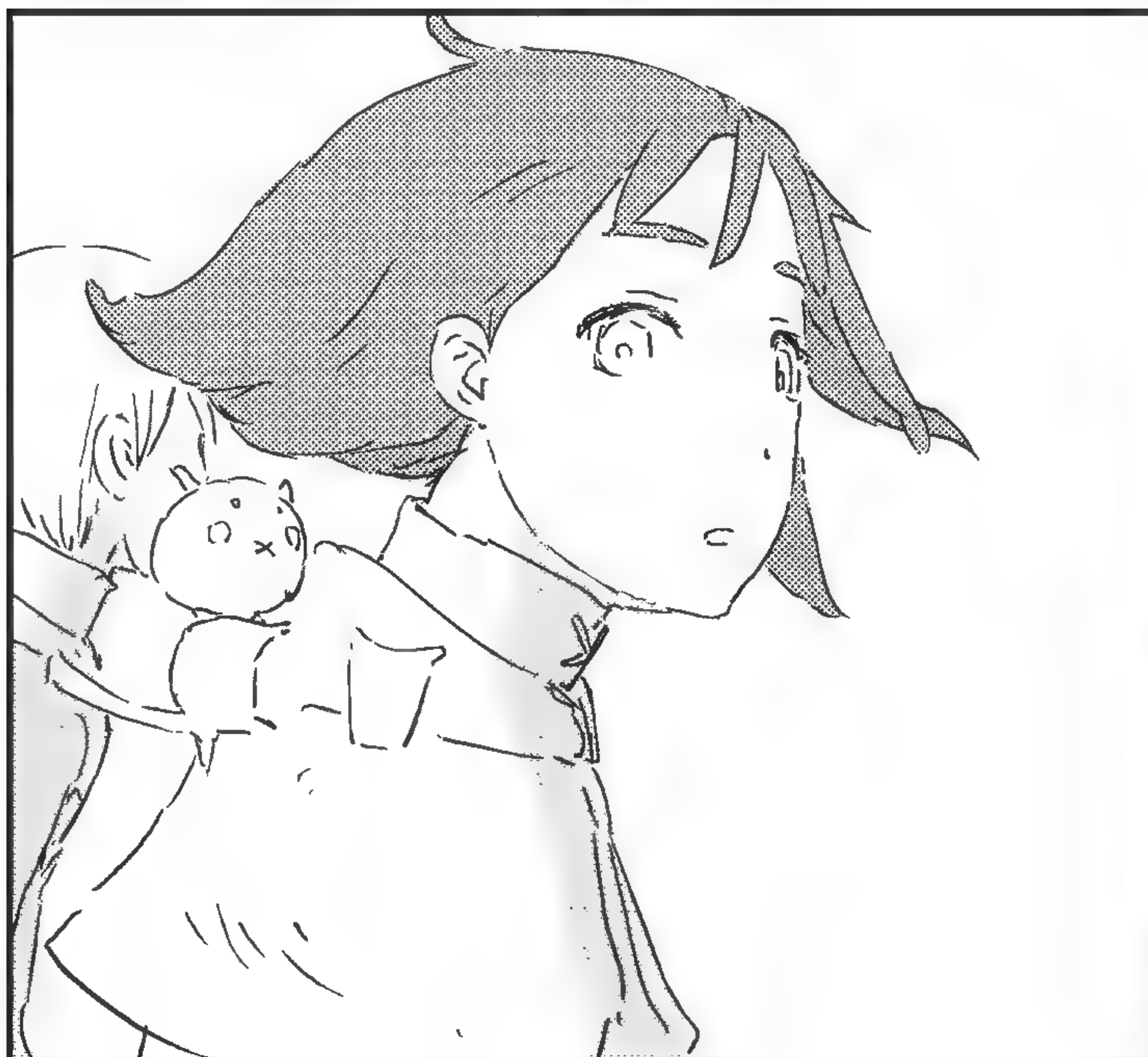
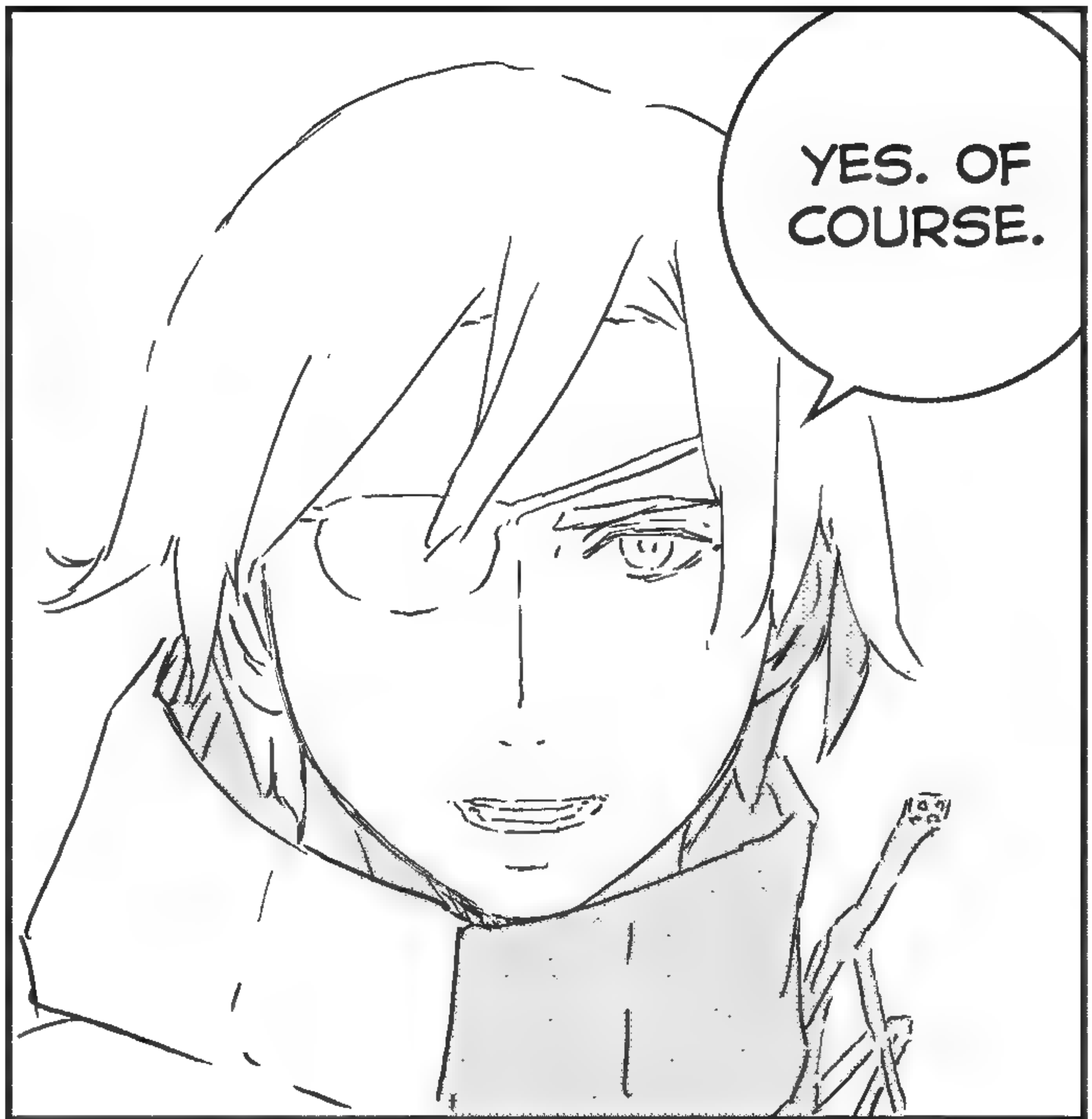
BUT, LIKE, IS
THERE REALLY
NO MORE
EFFICIENT WAY
WE COULD
TRAVEL?

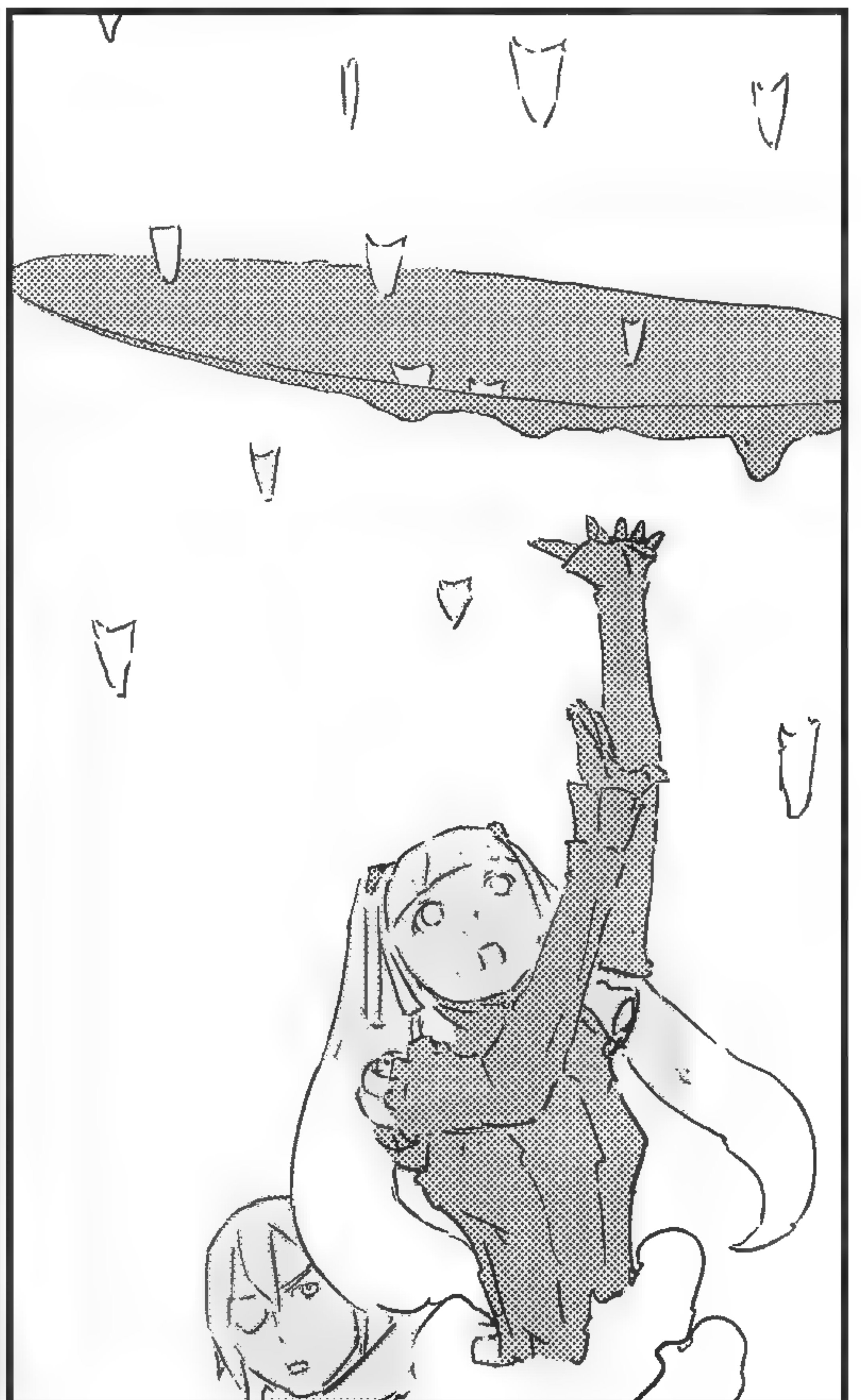
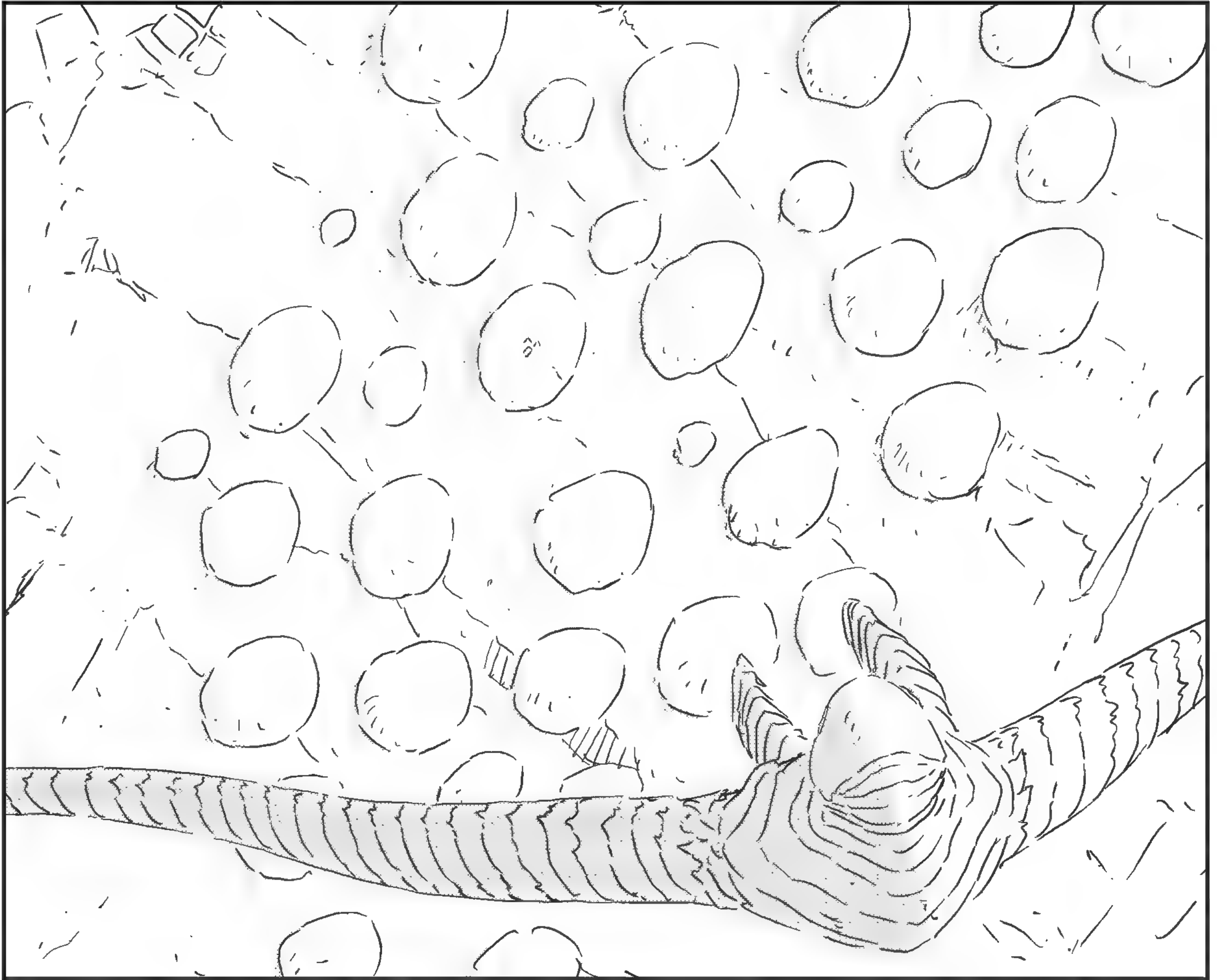


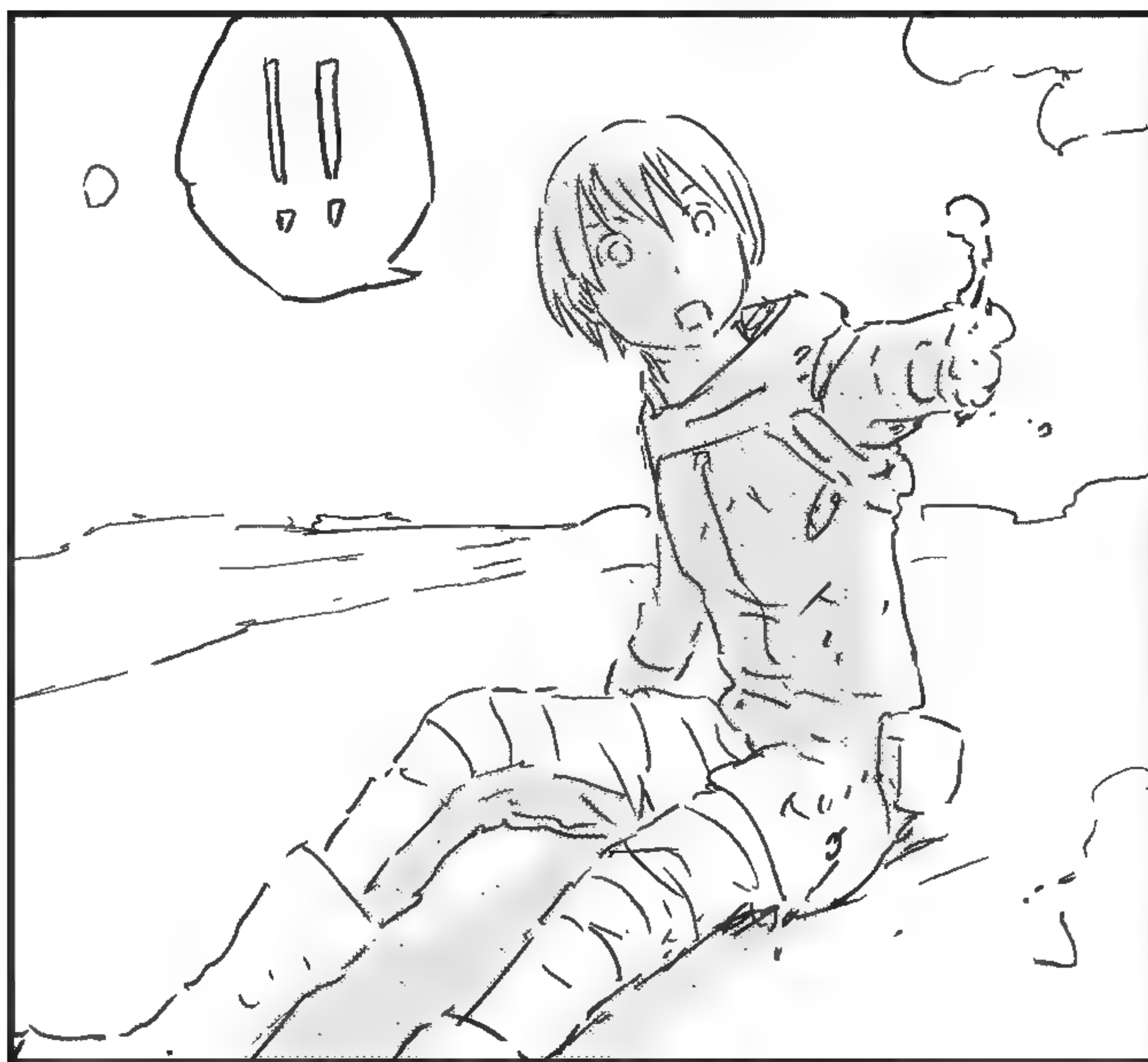
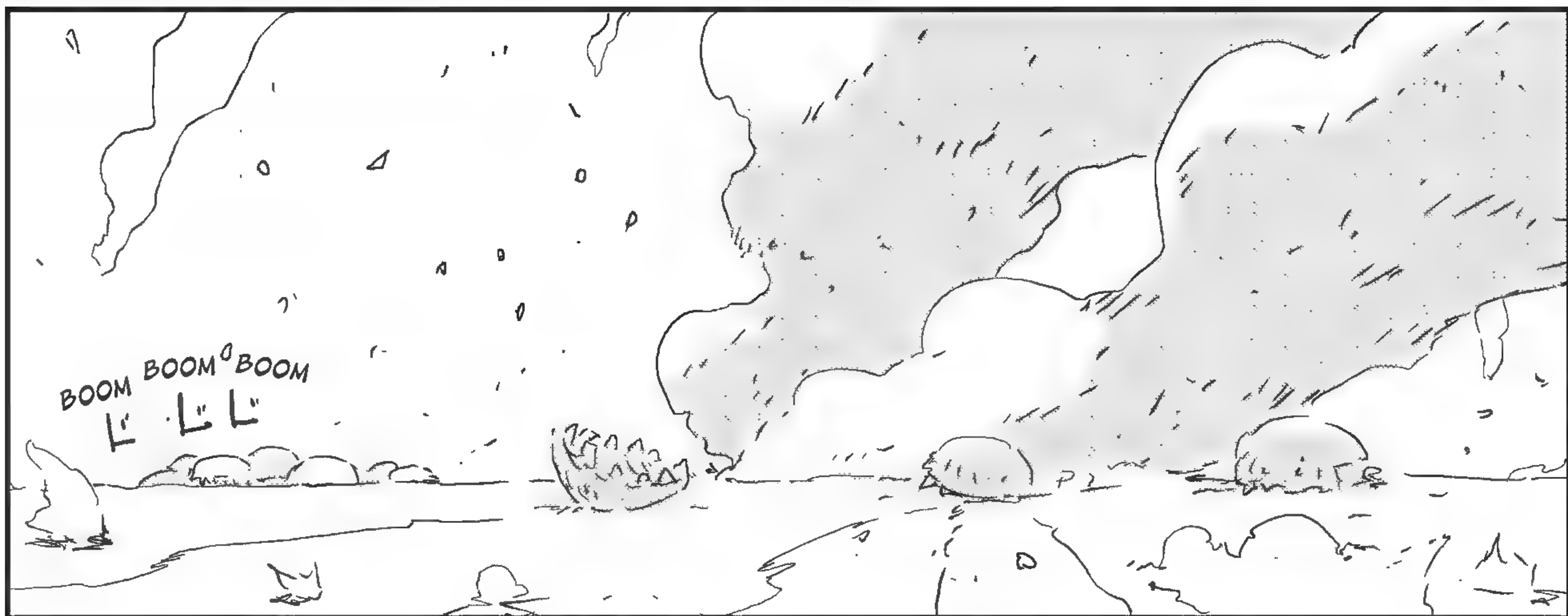


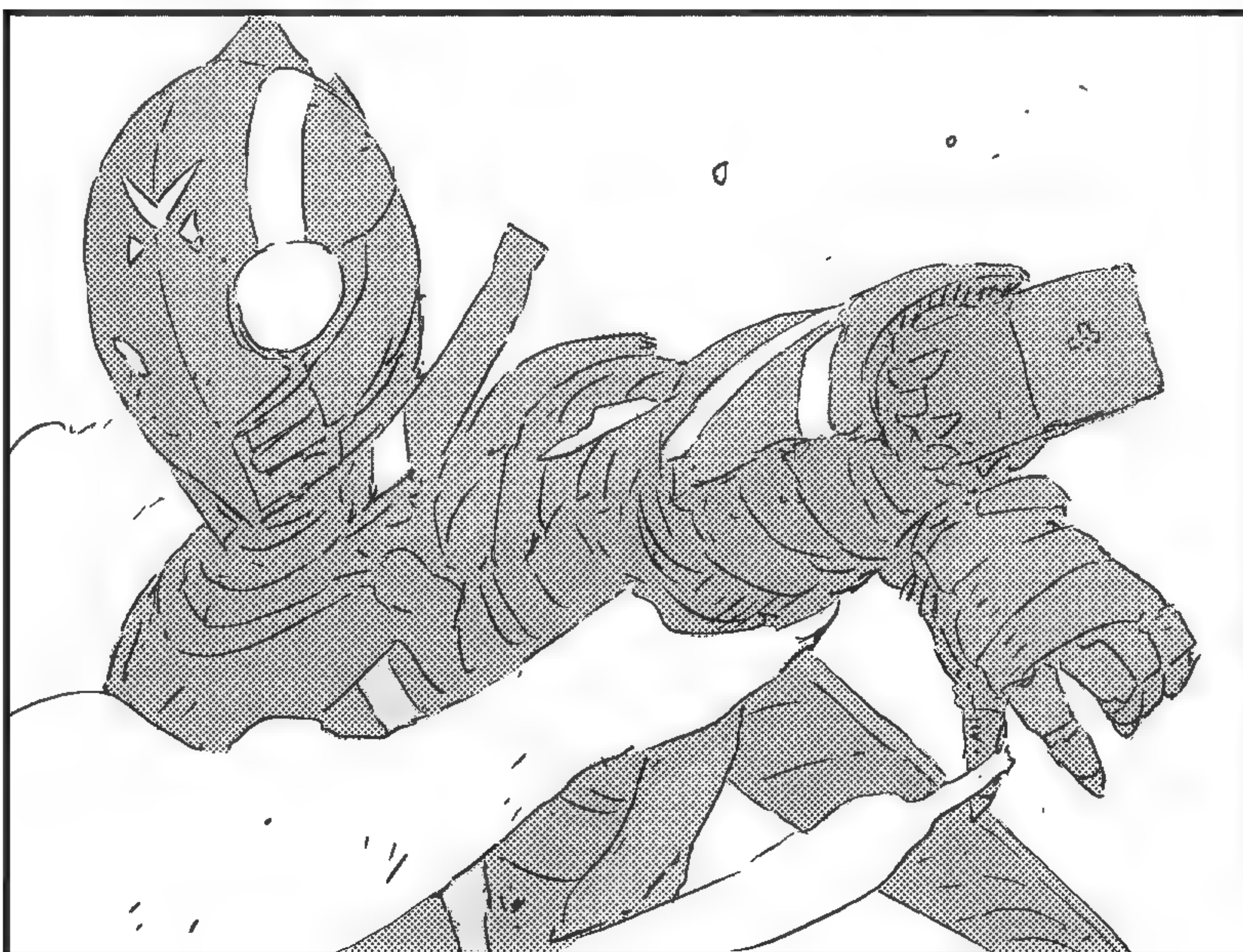
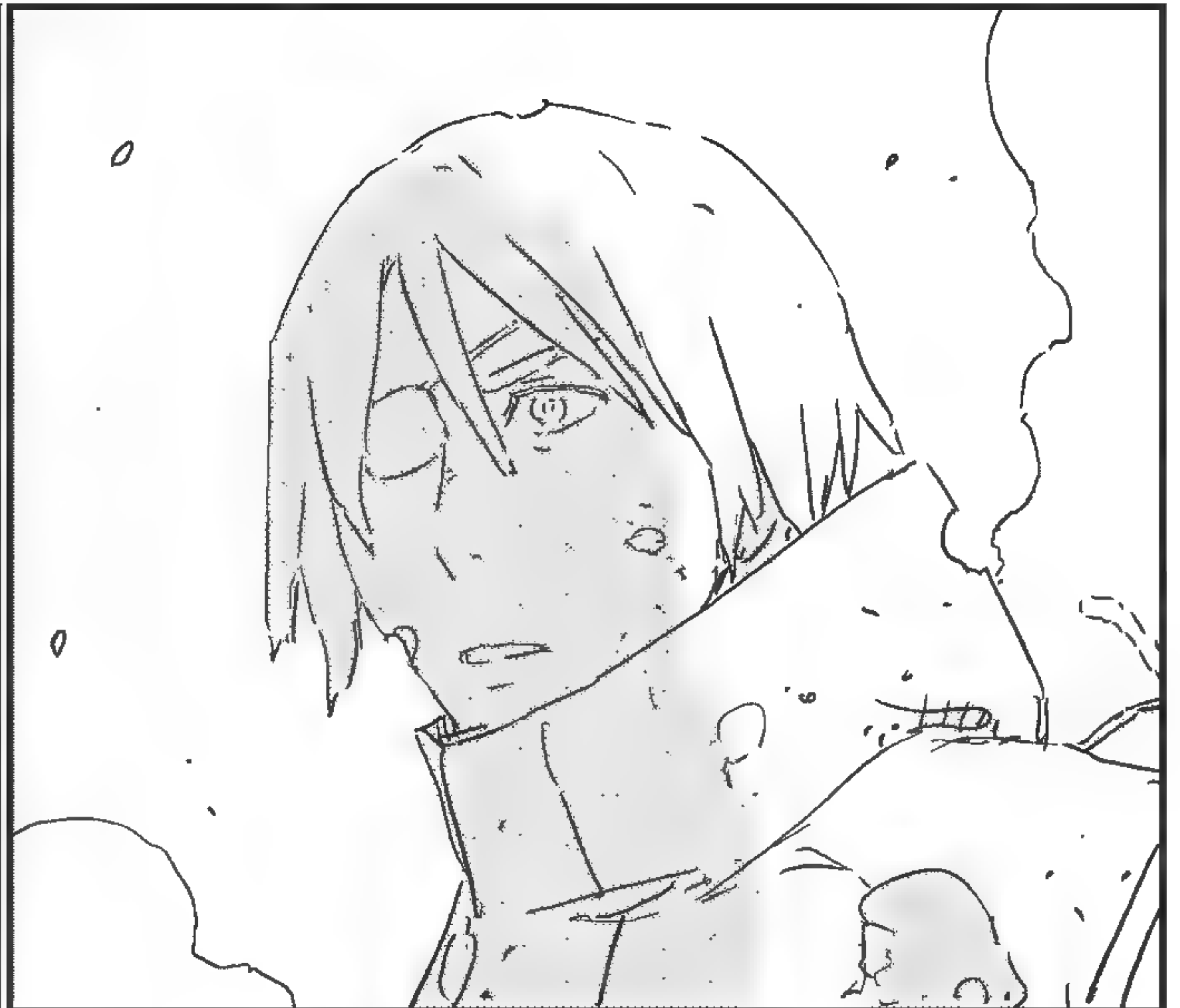
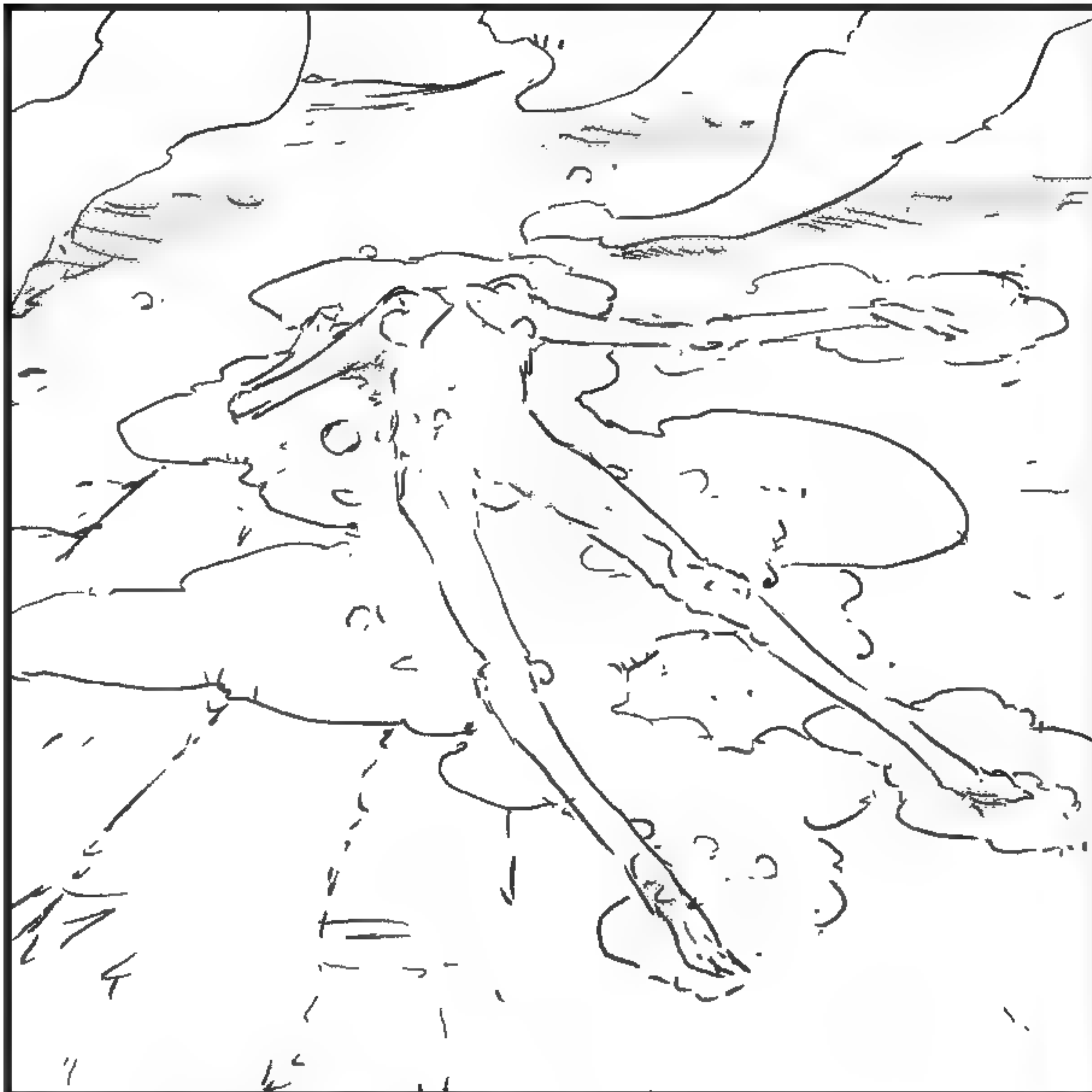


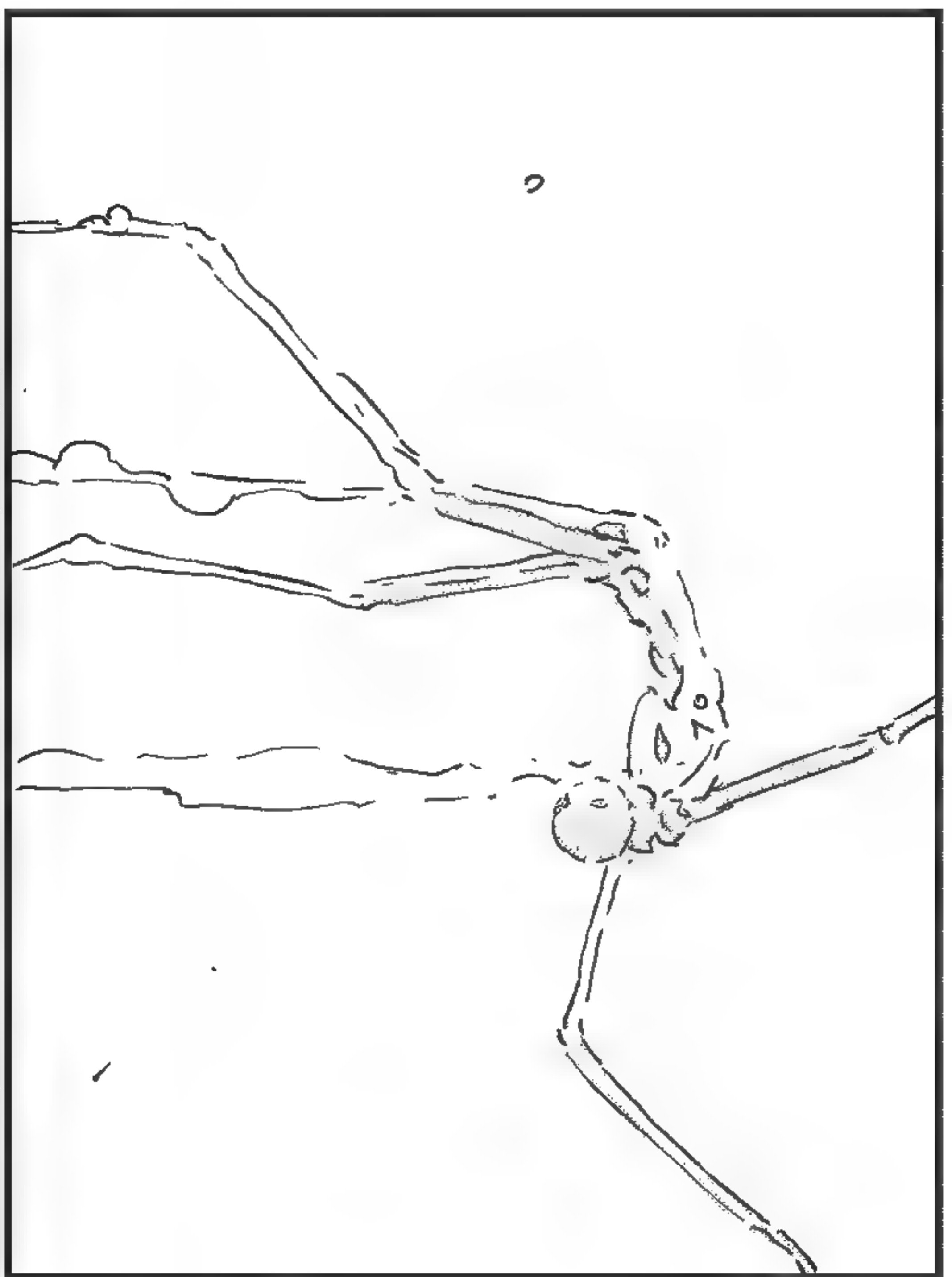
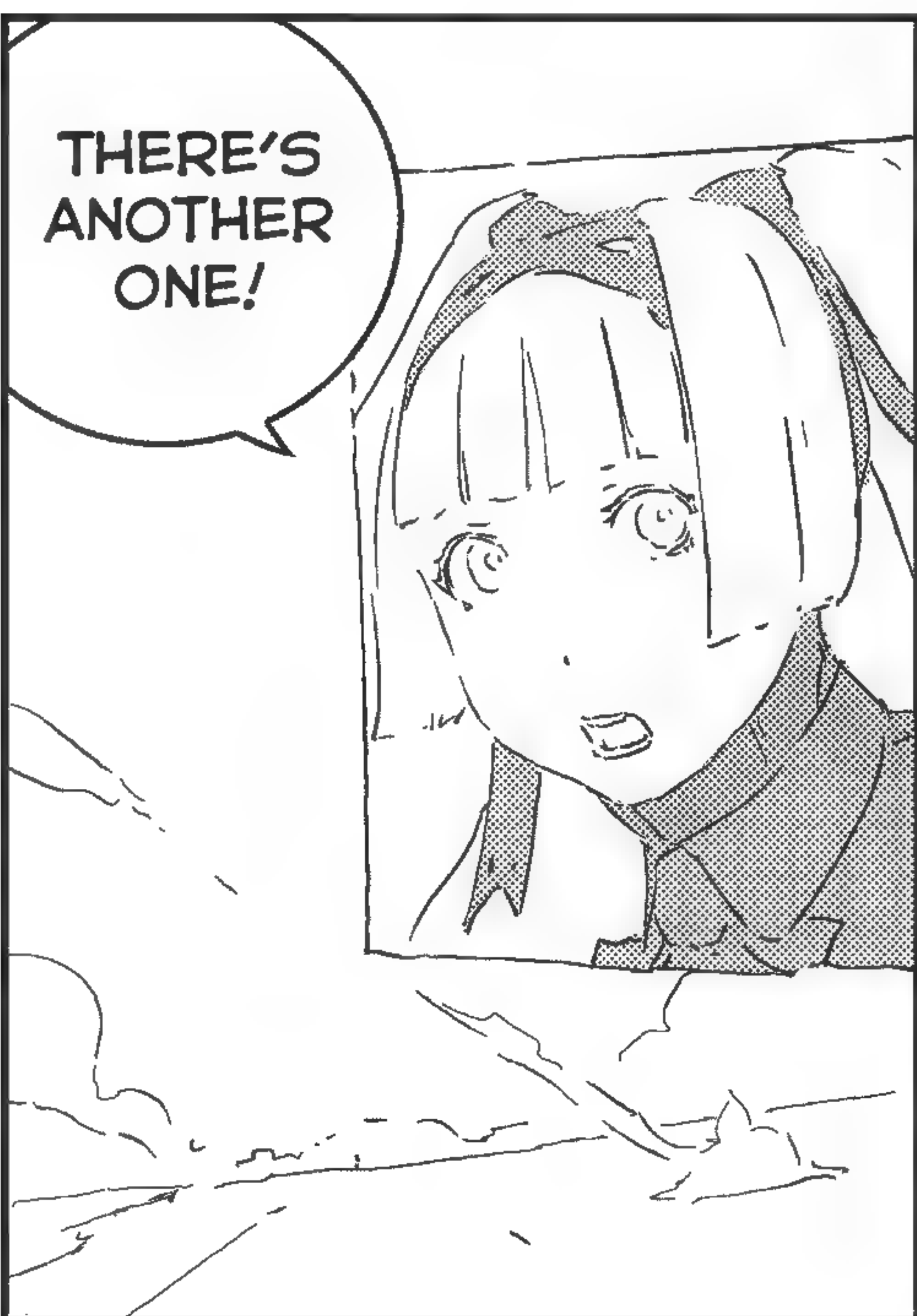
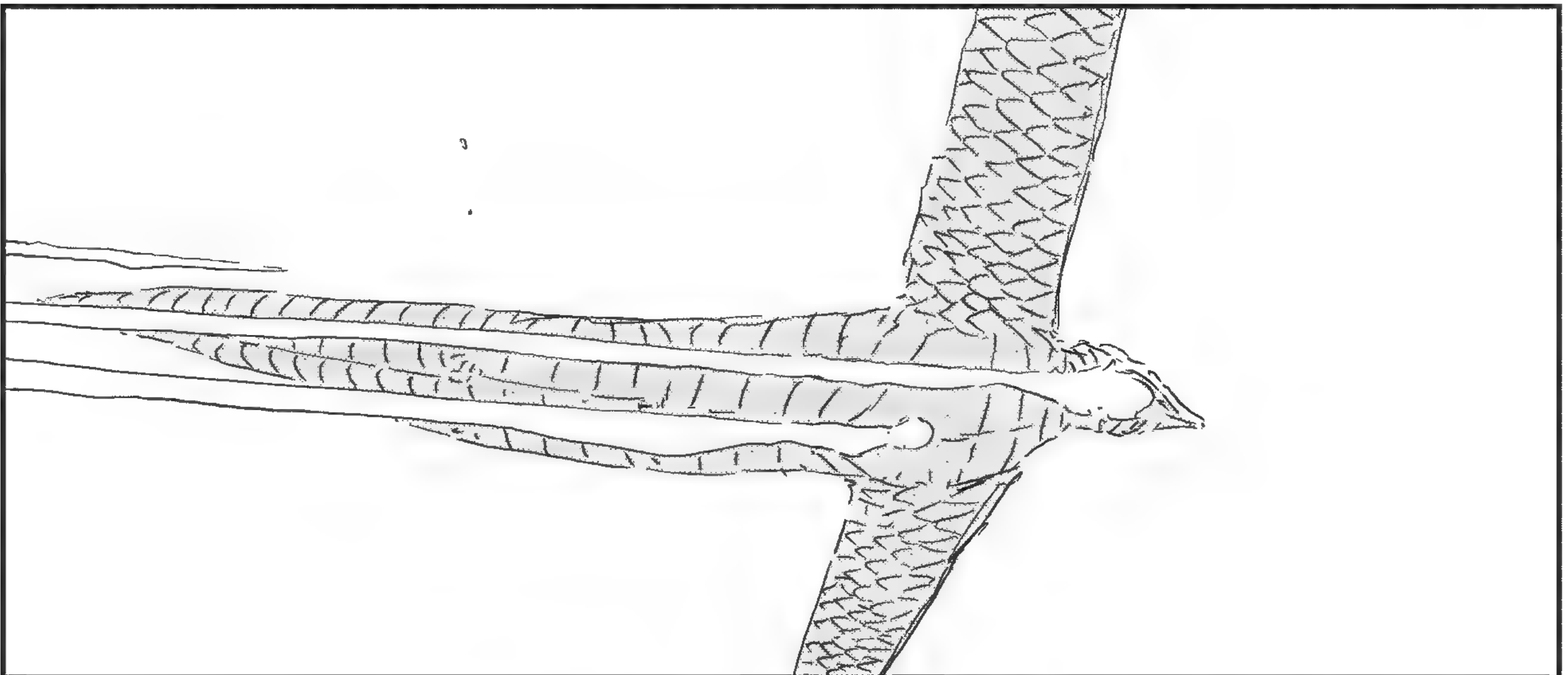




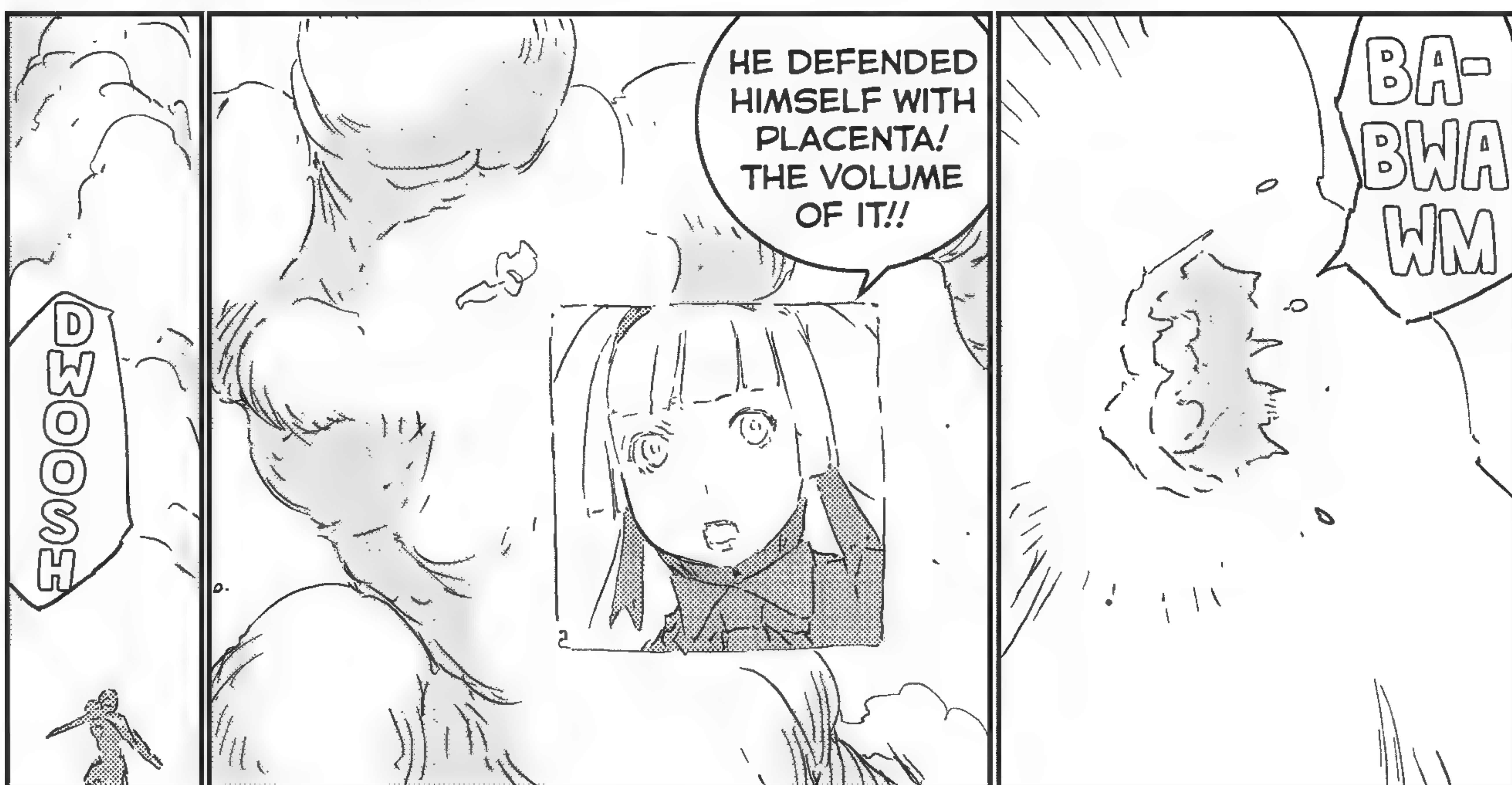
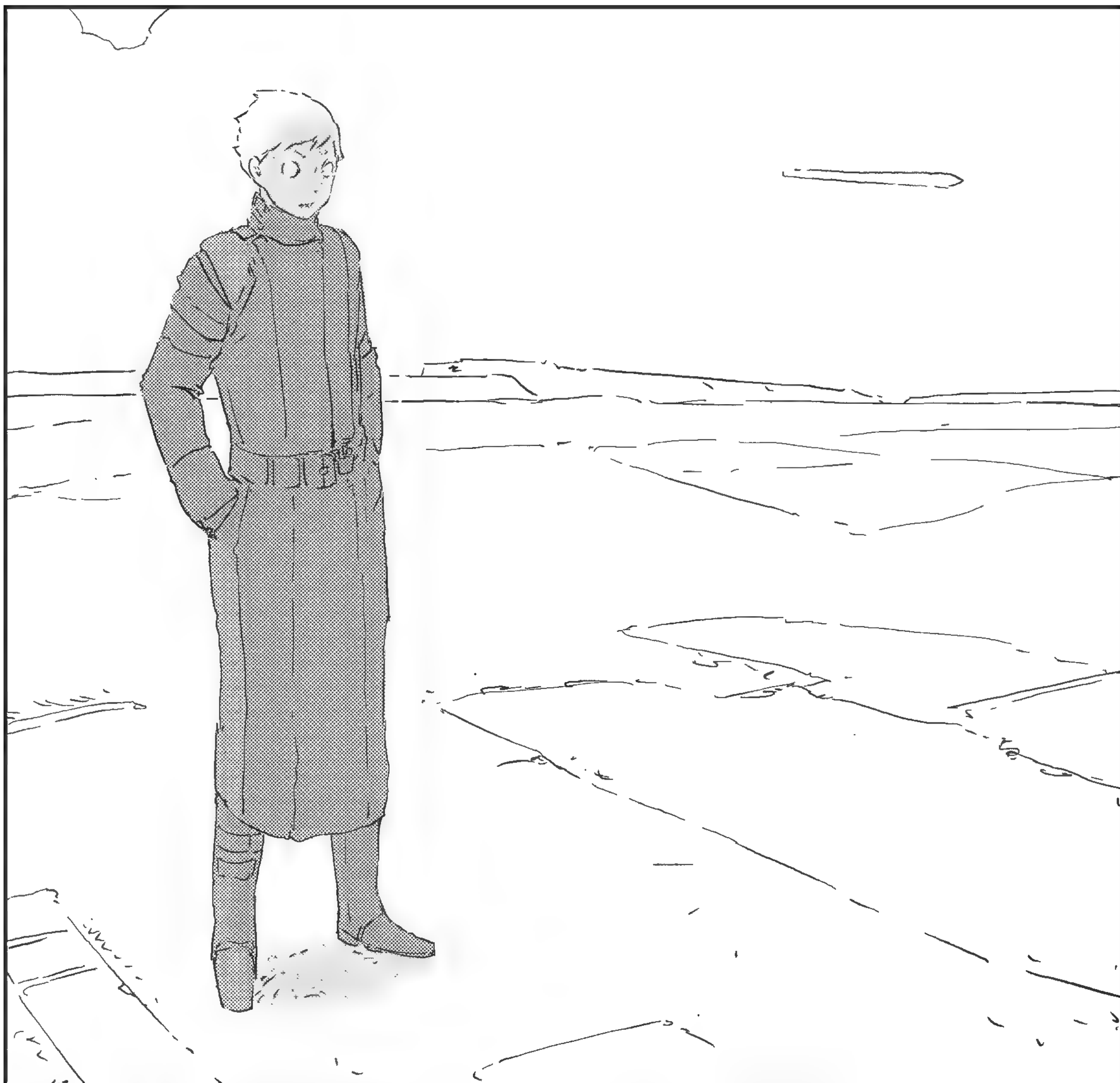




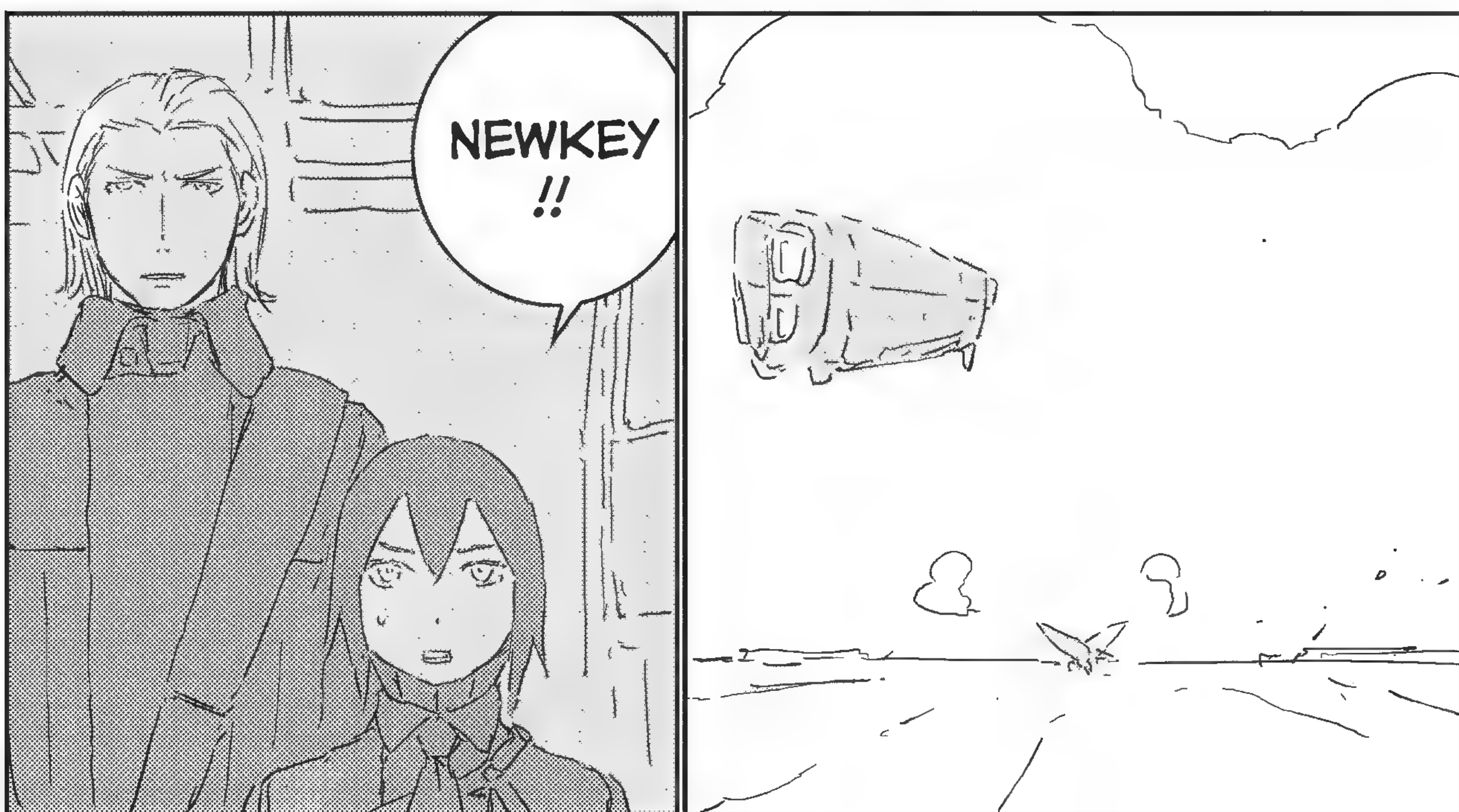


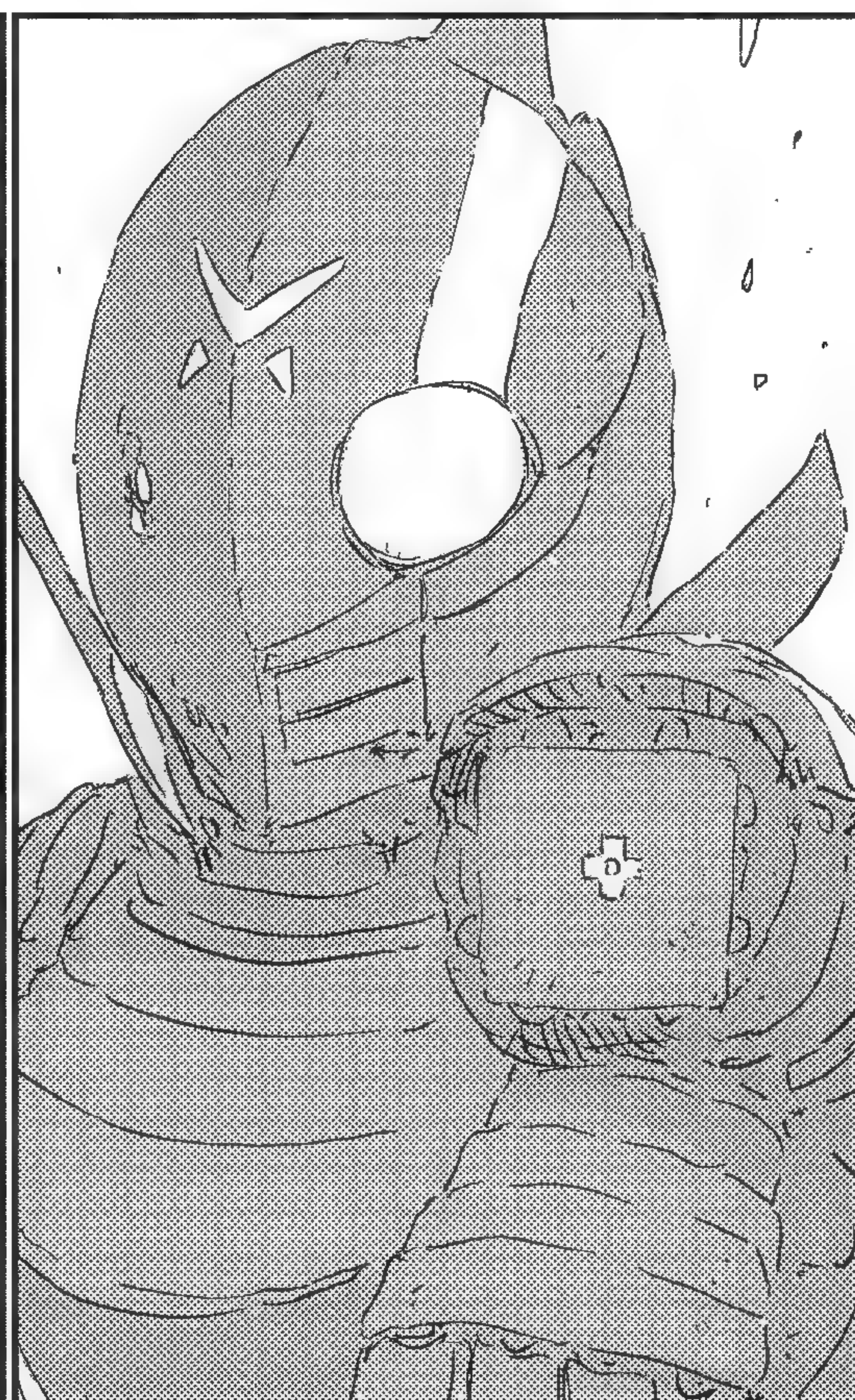
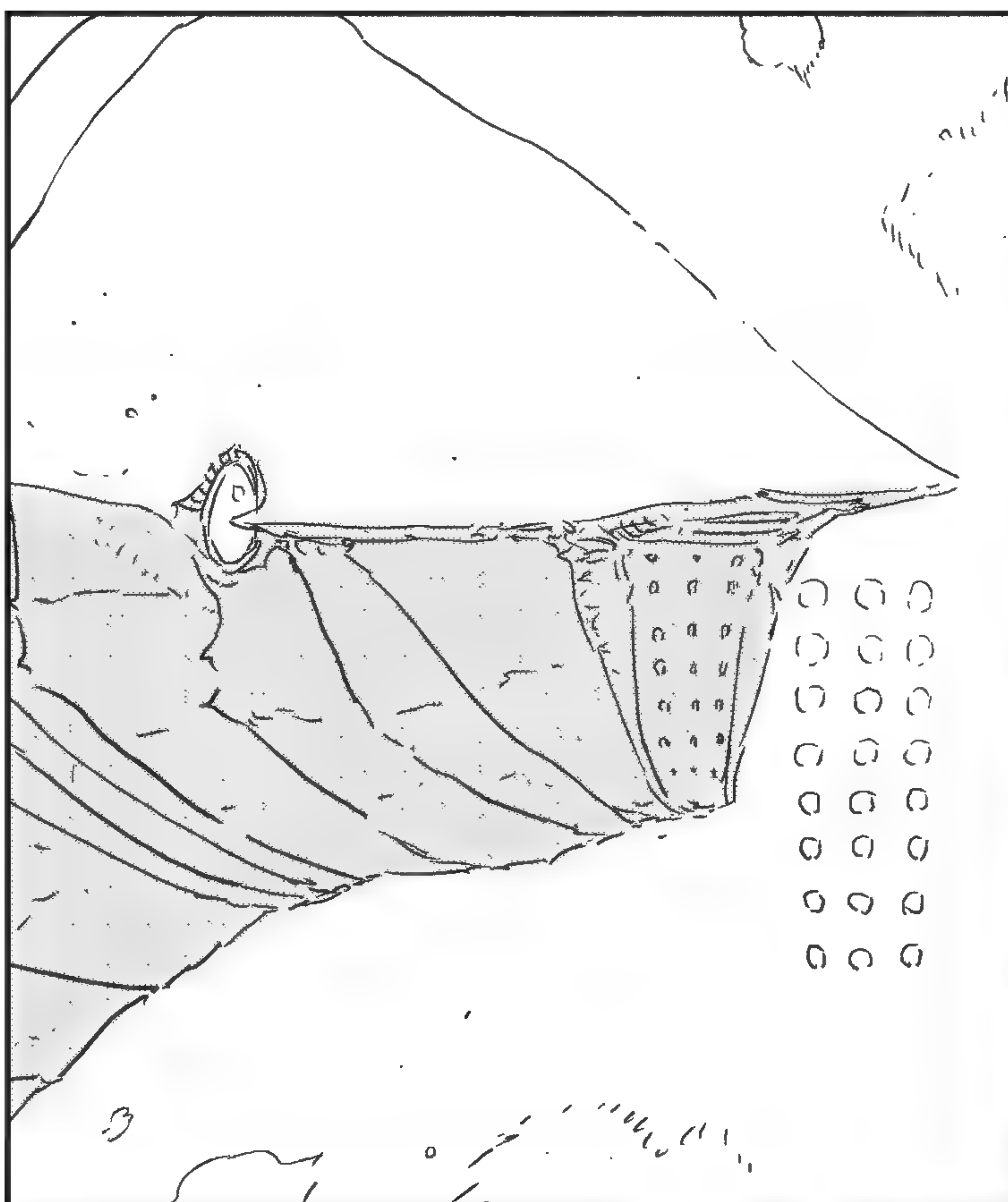
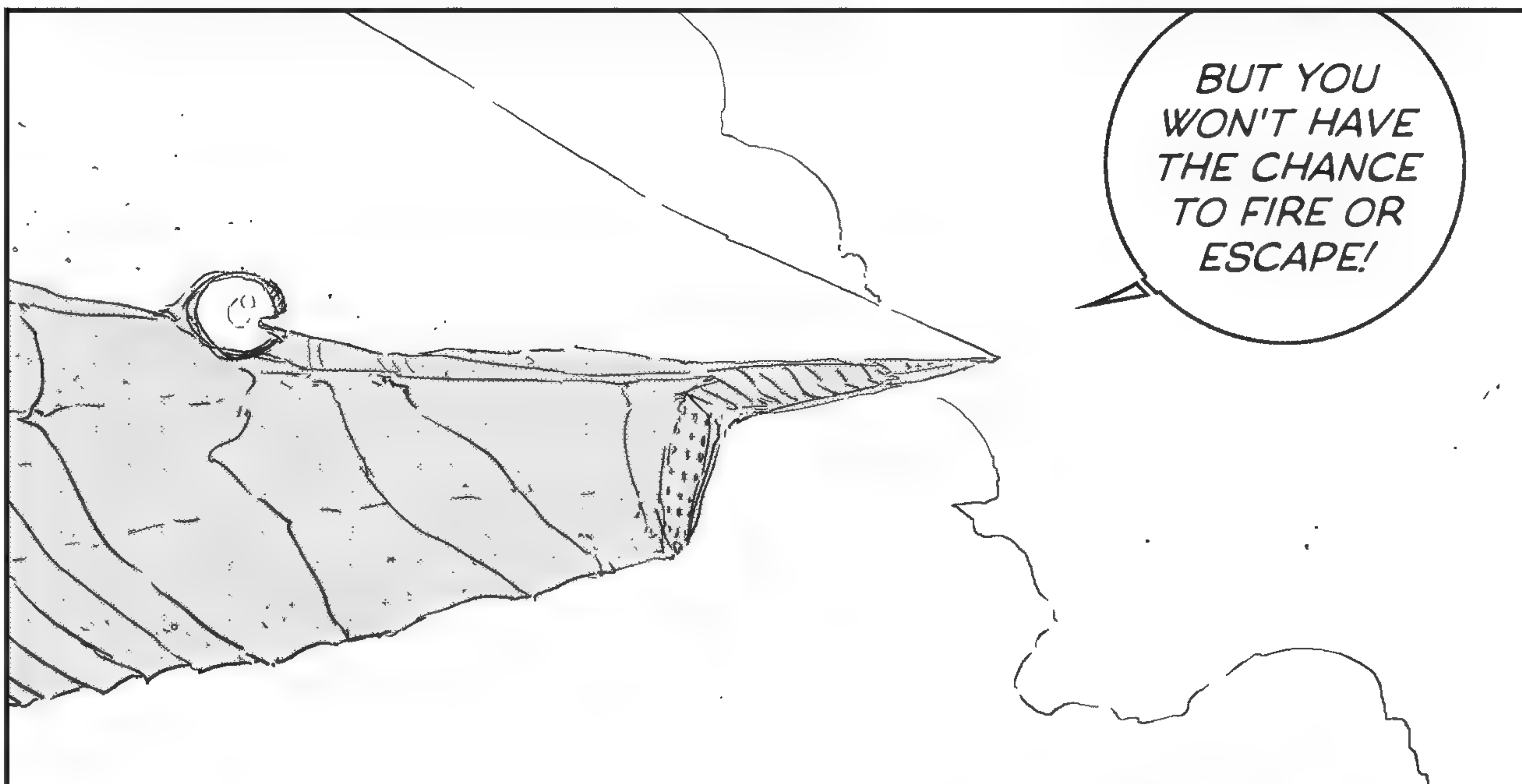


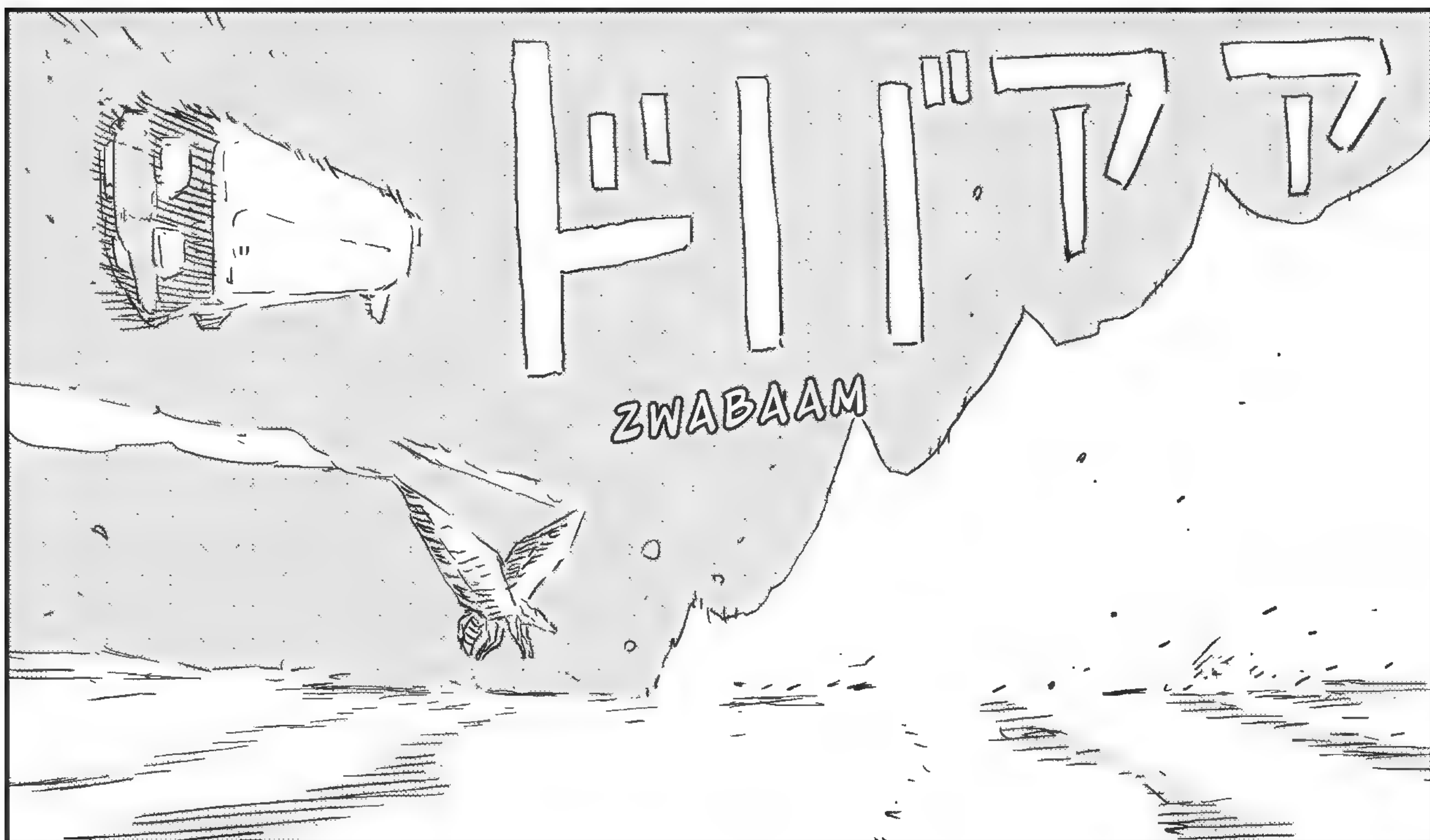
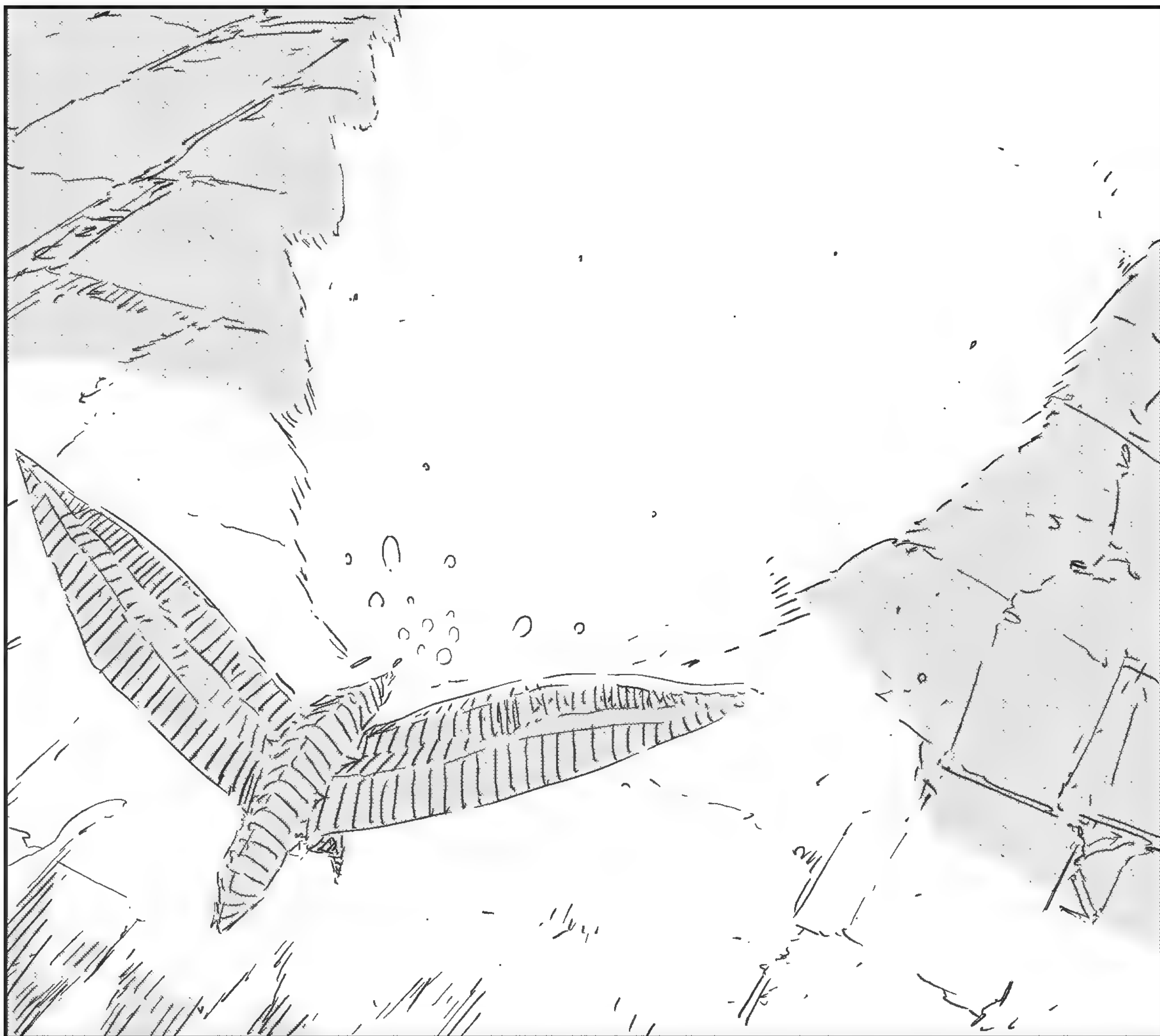


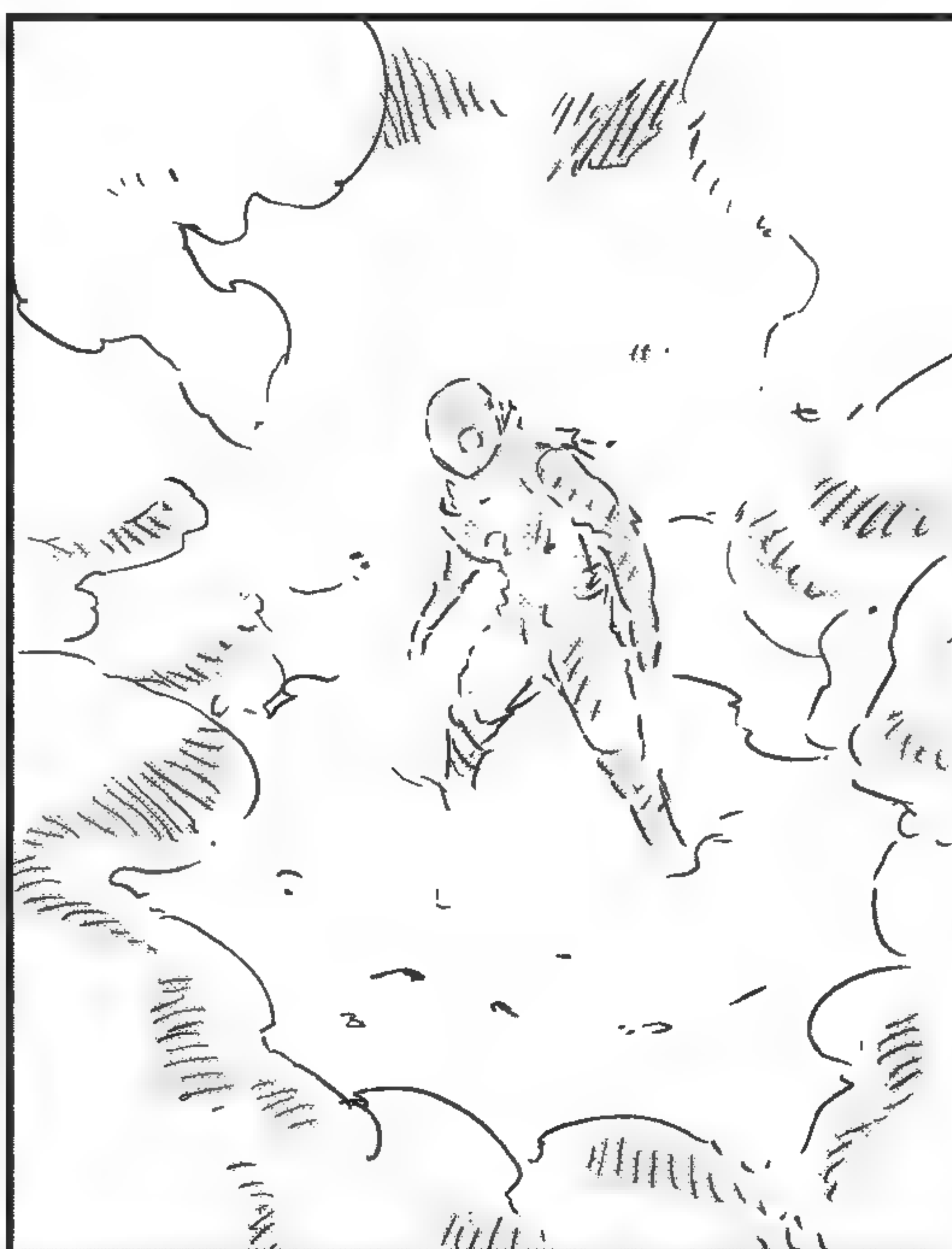
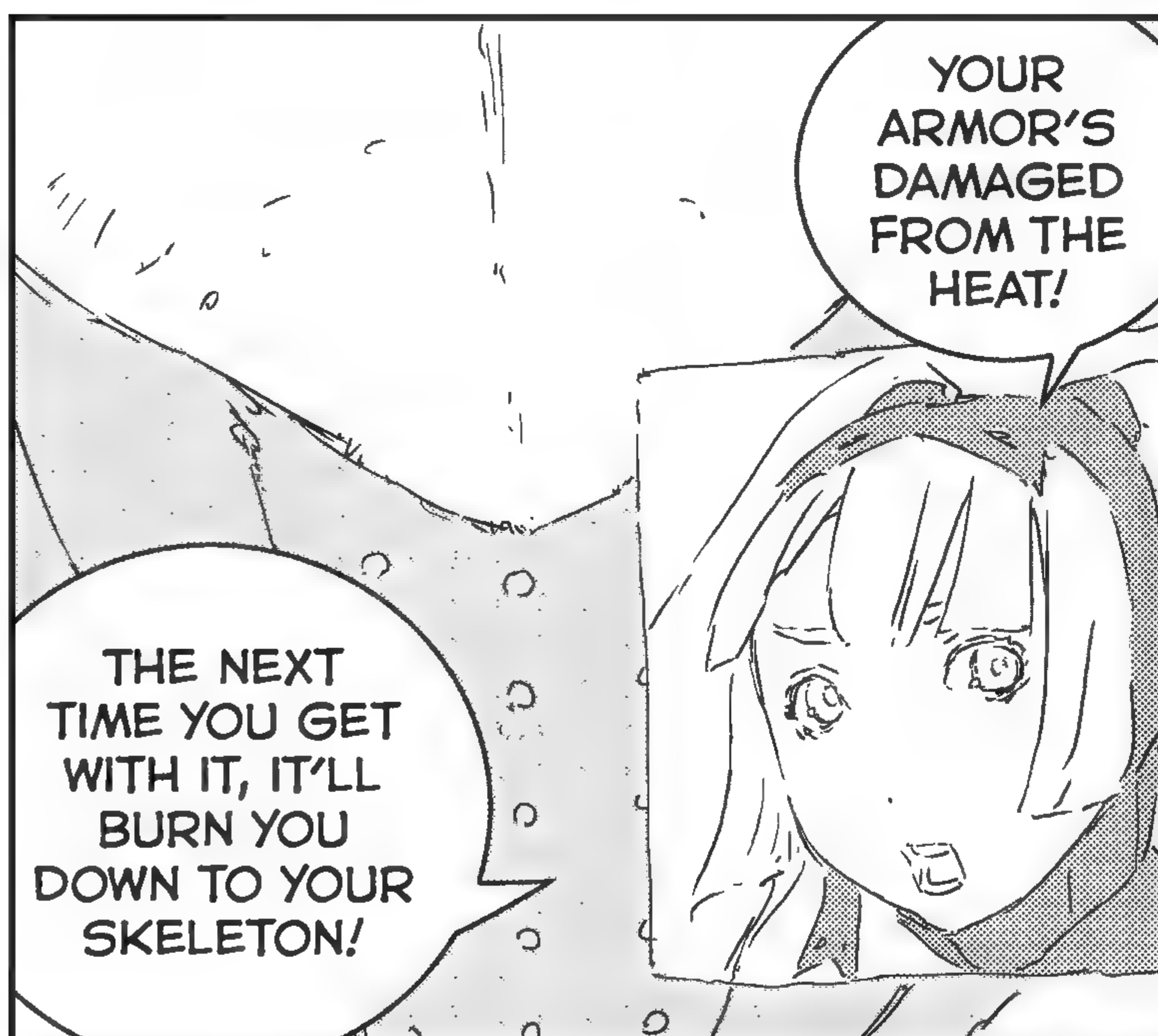


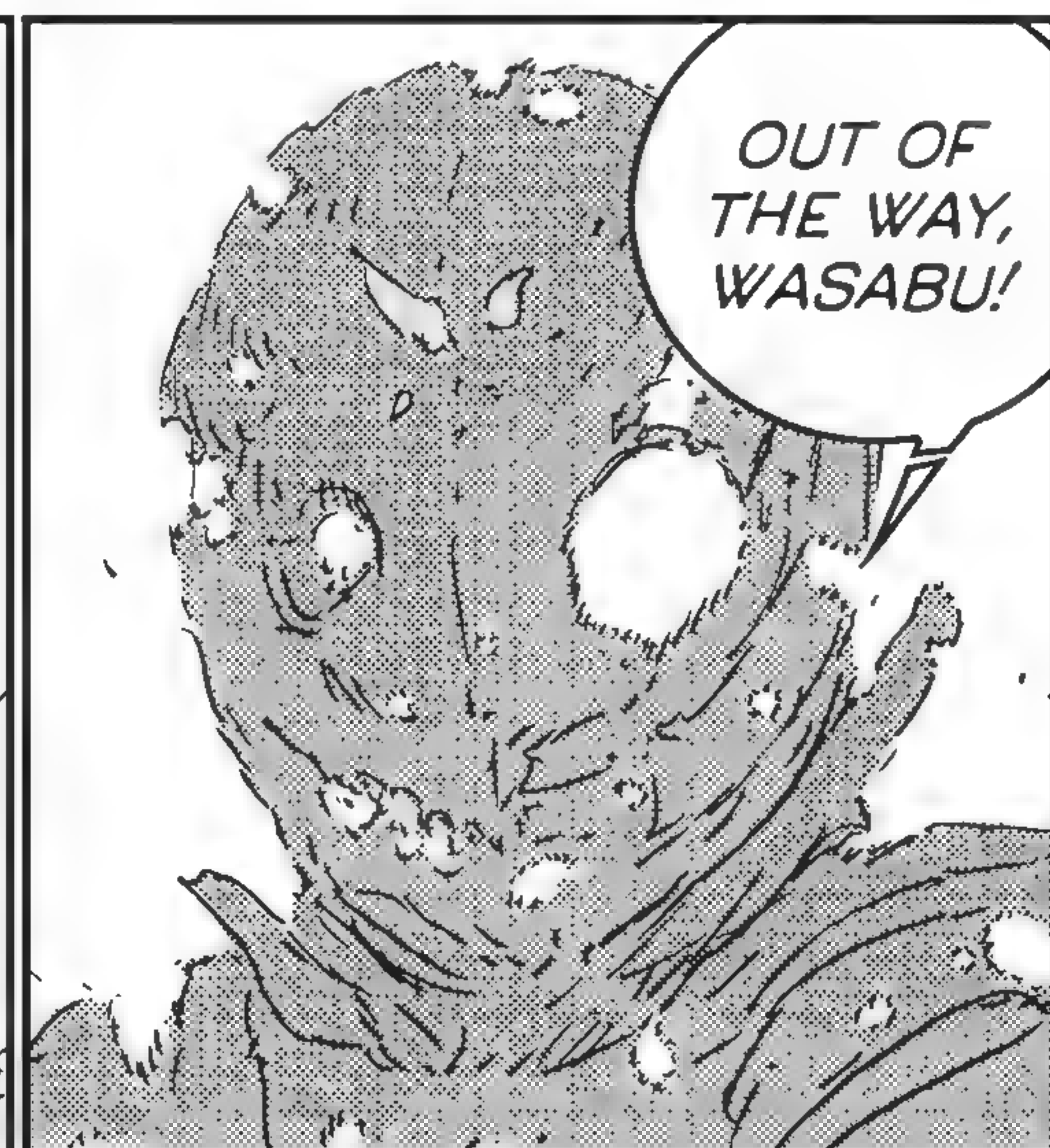
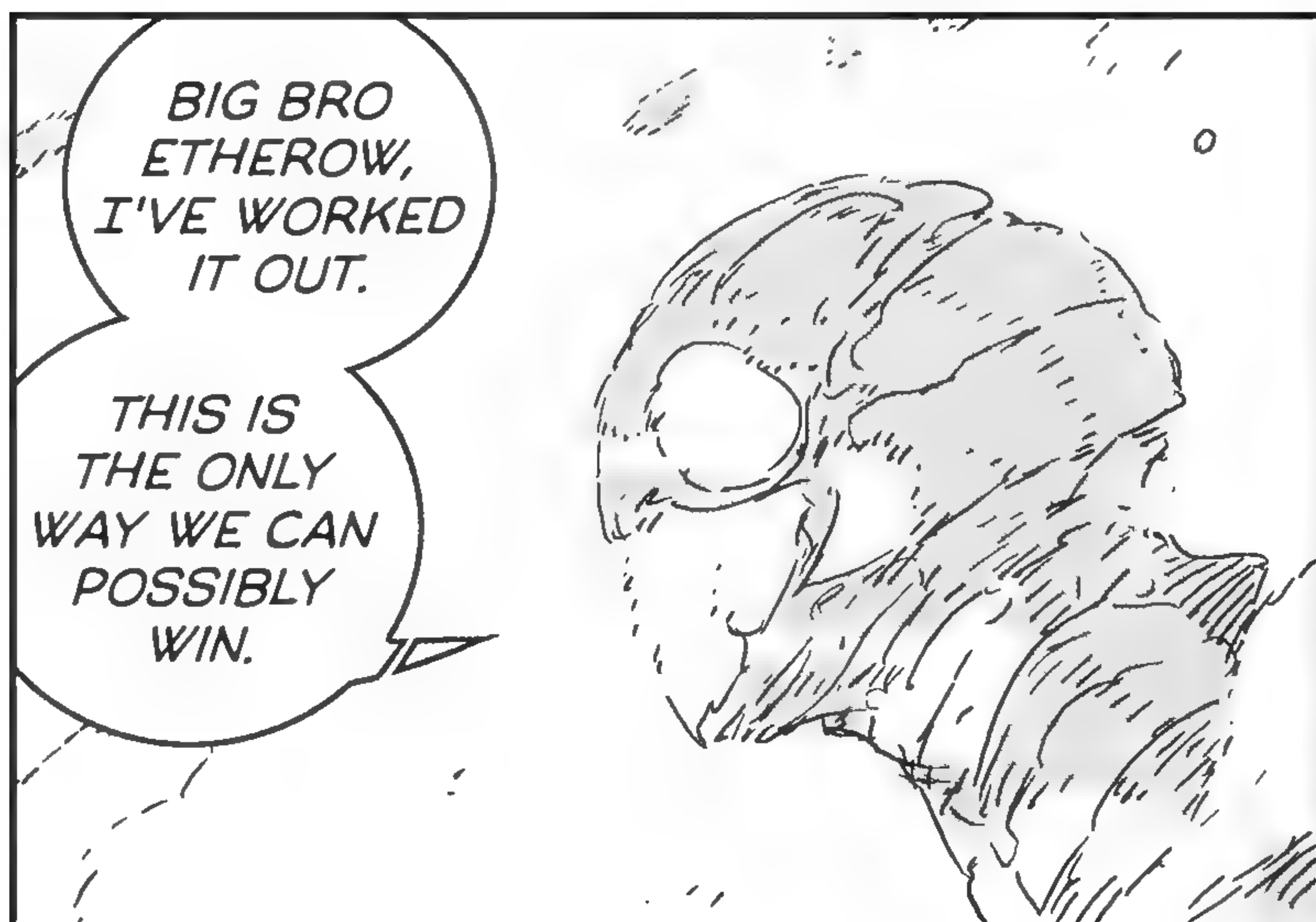
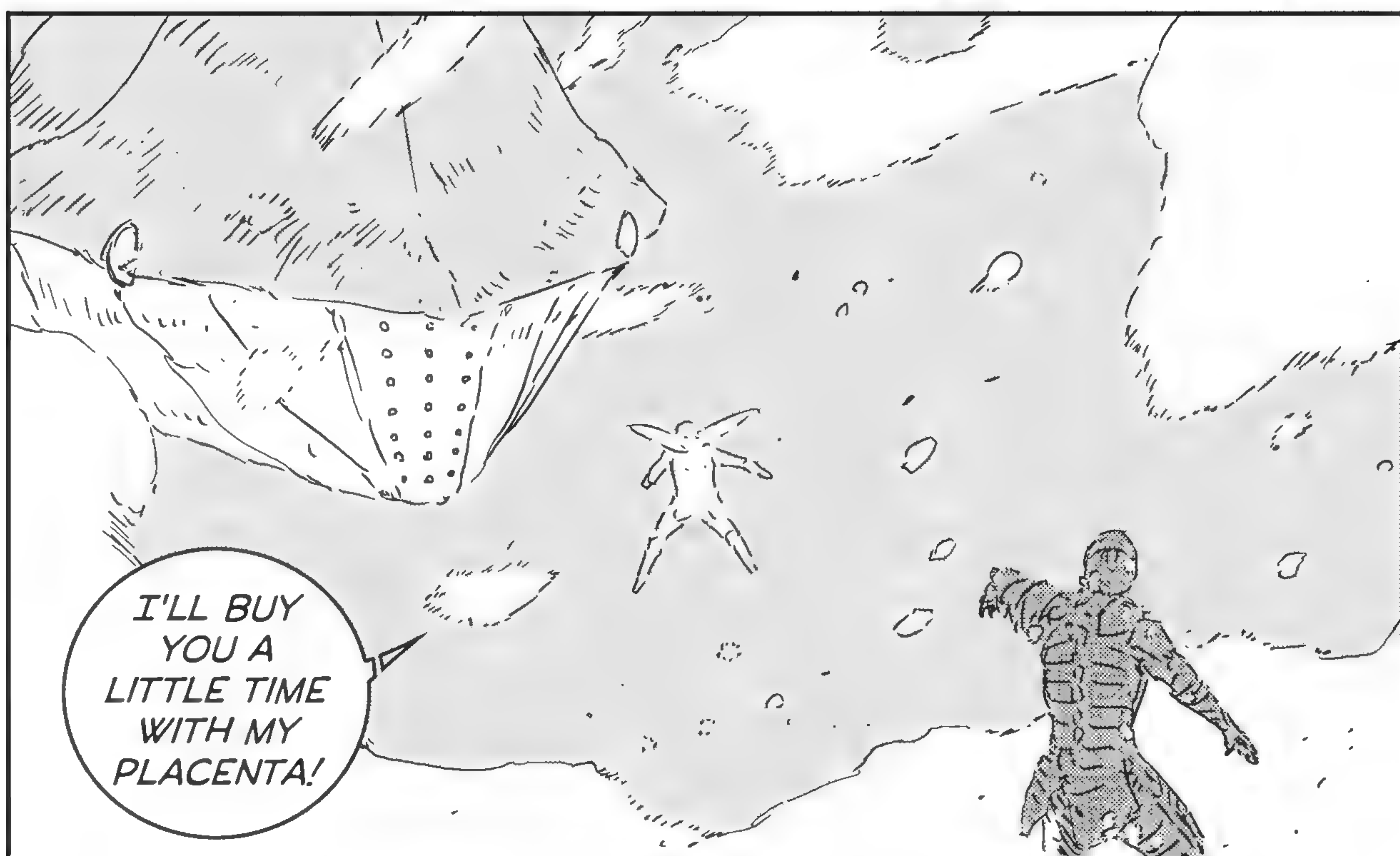
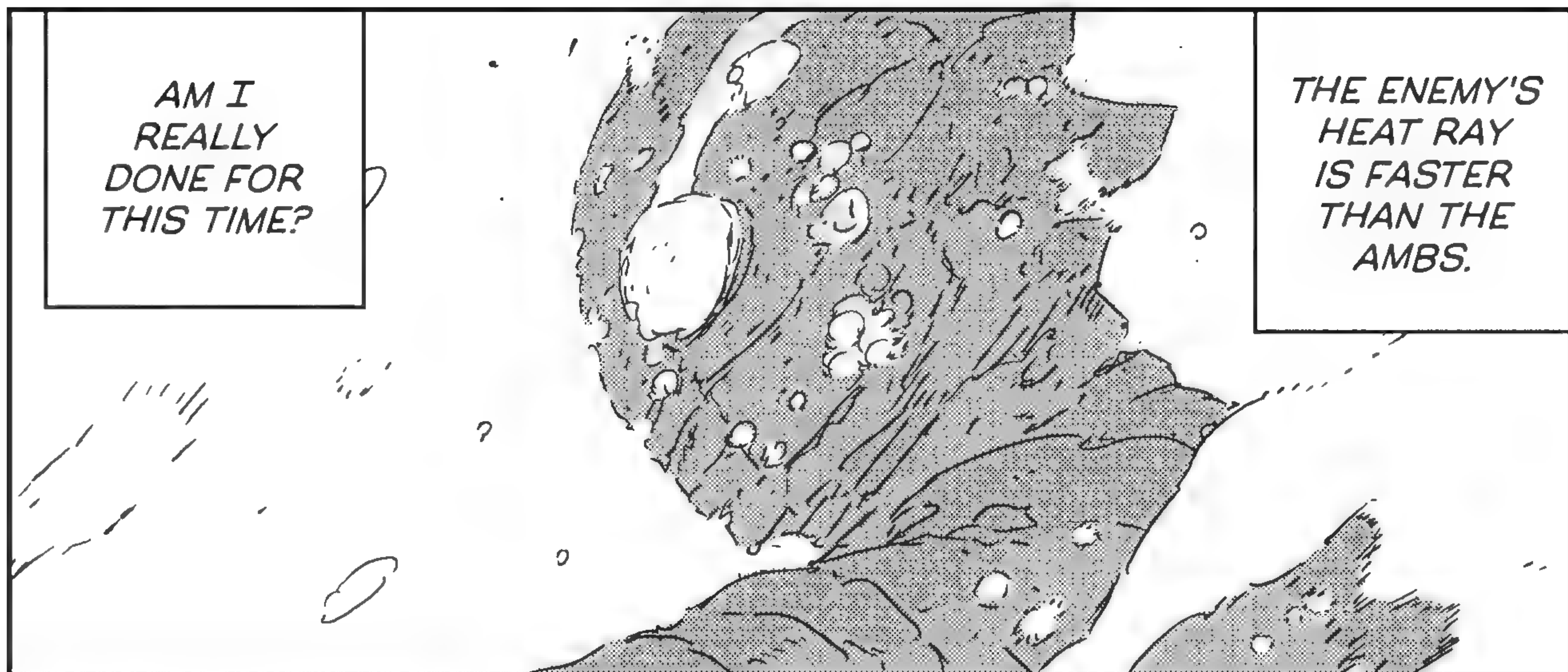


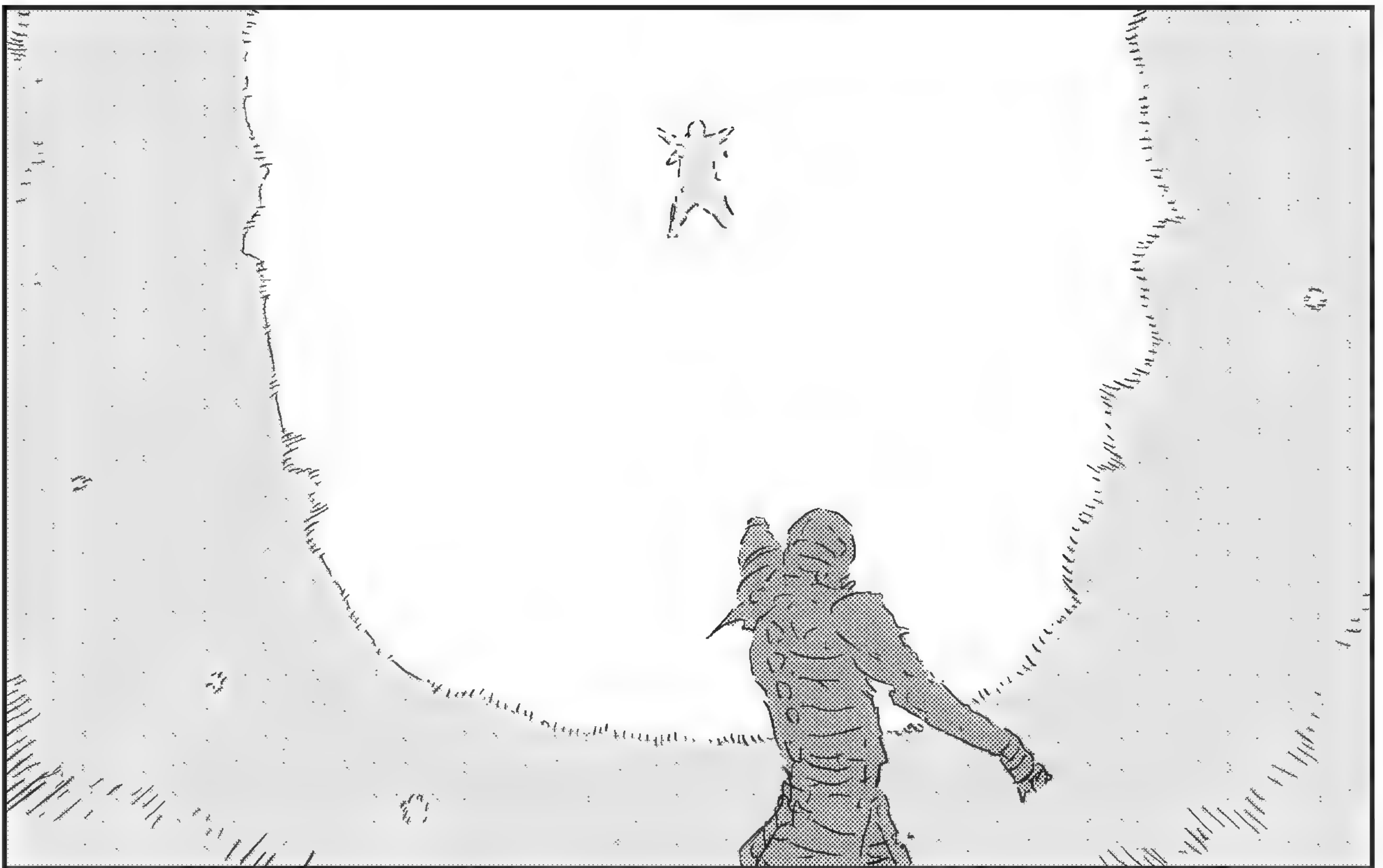
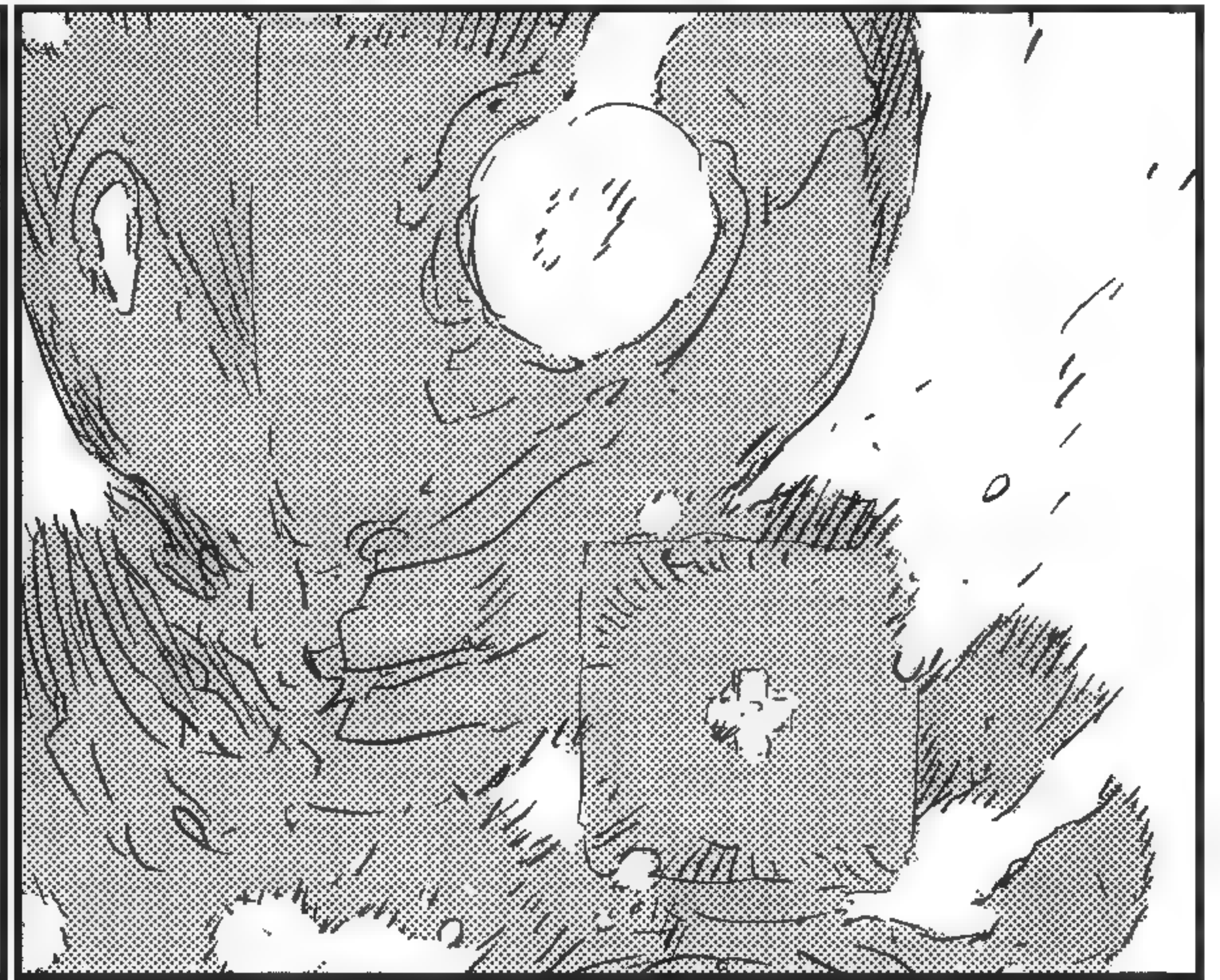
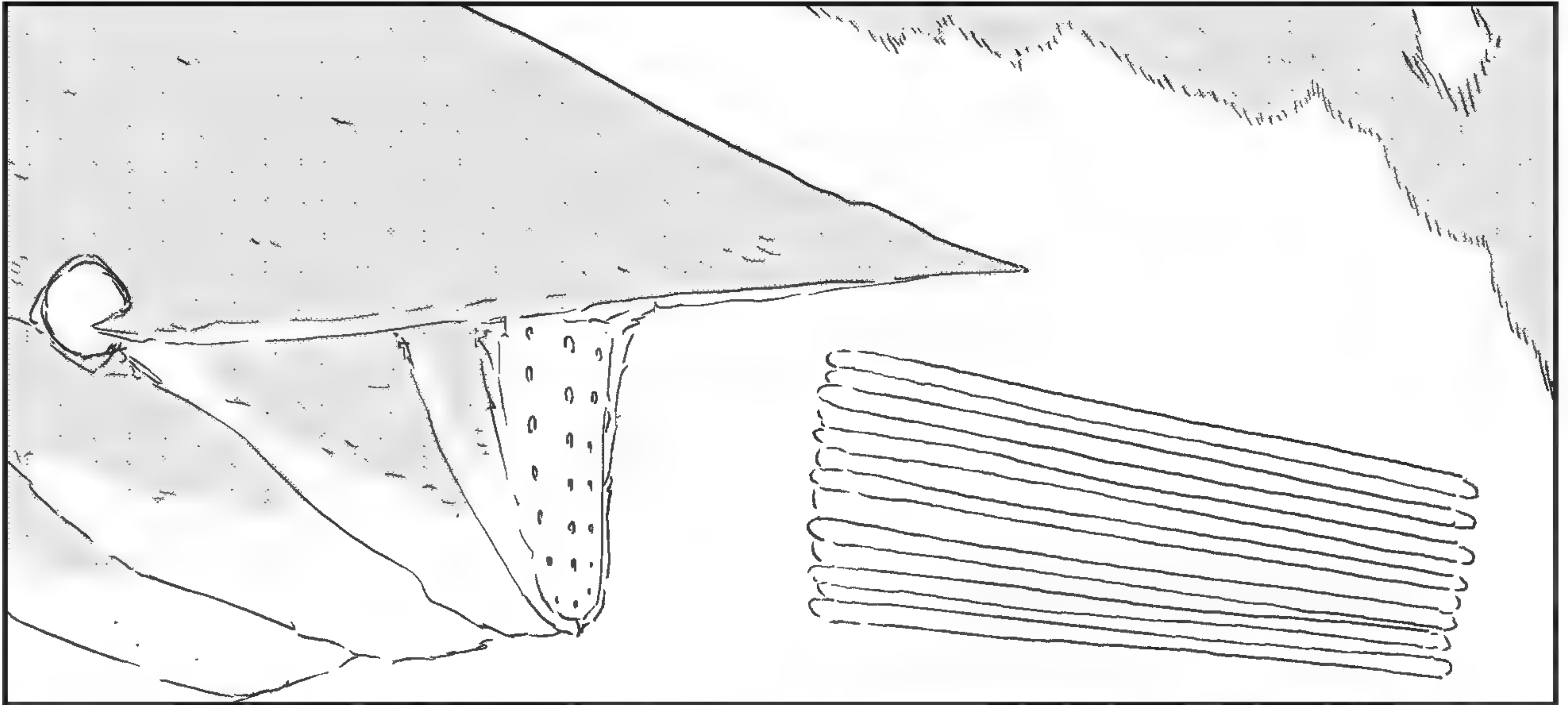












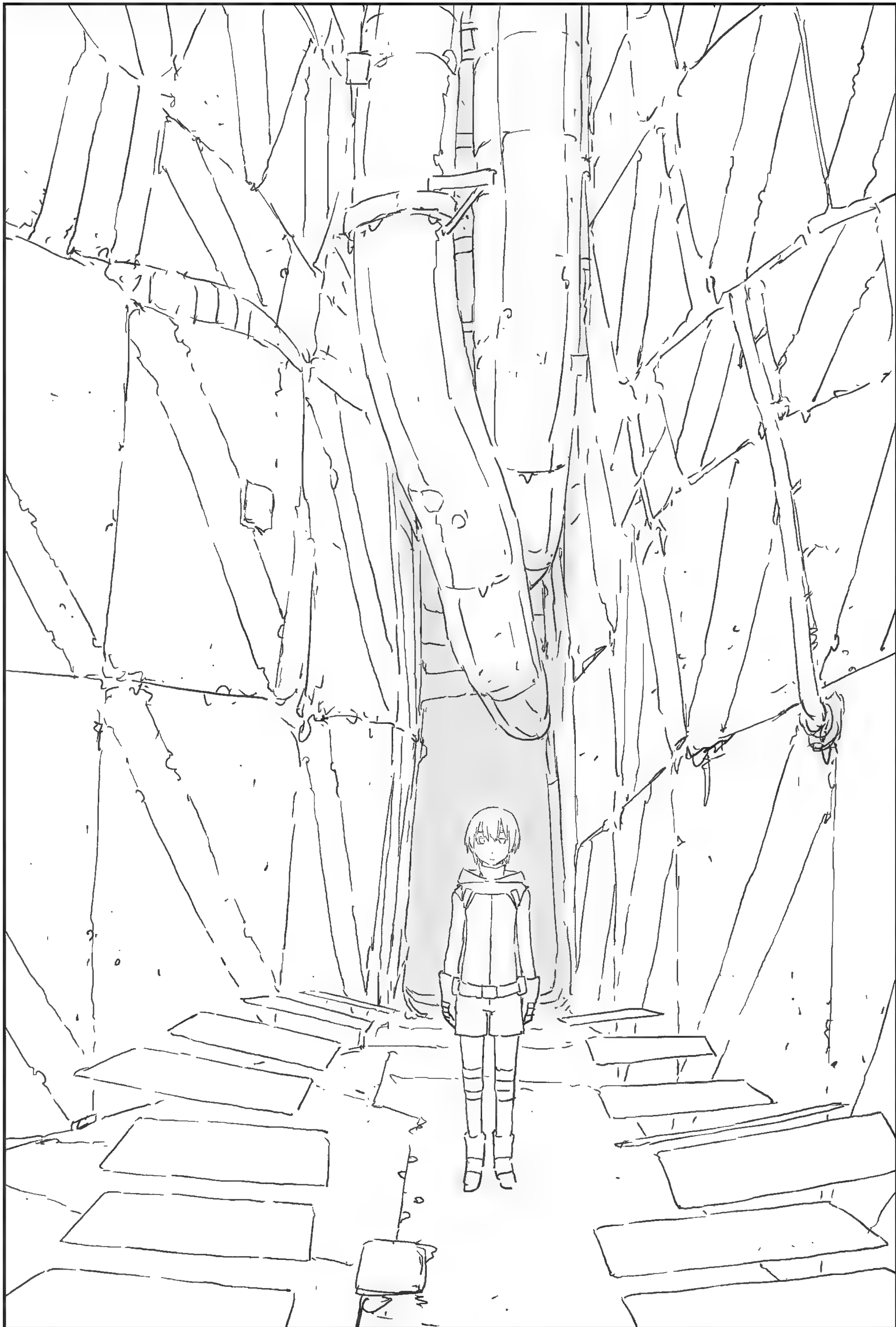
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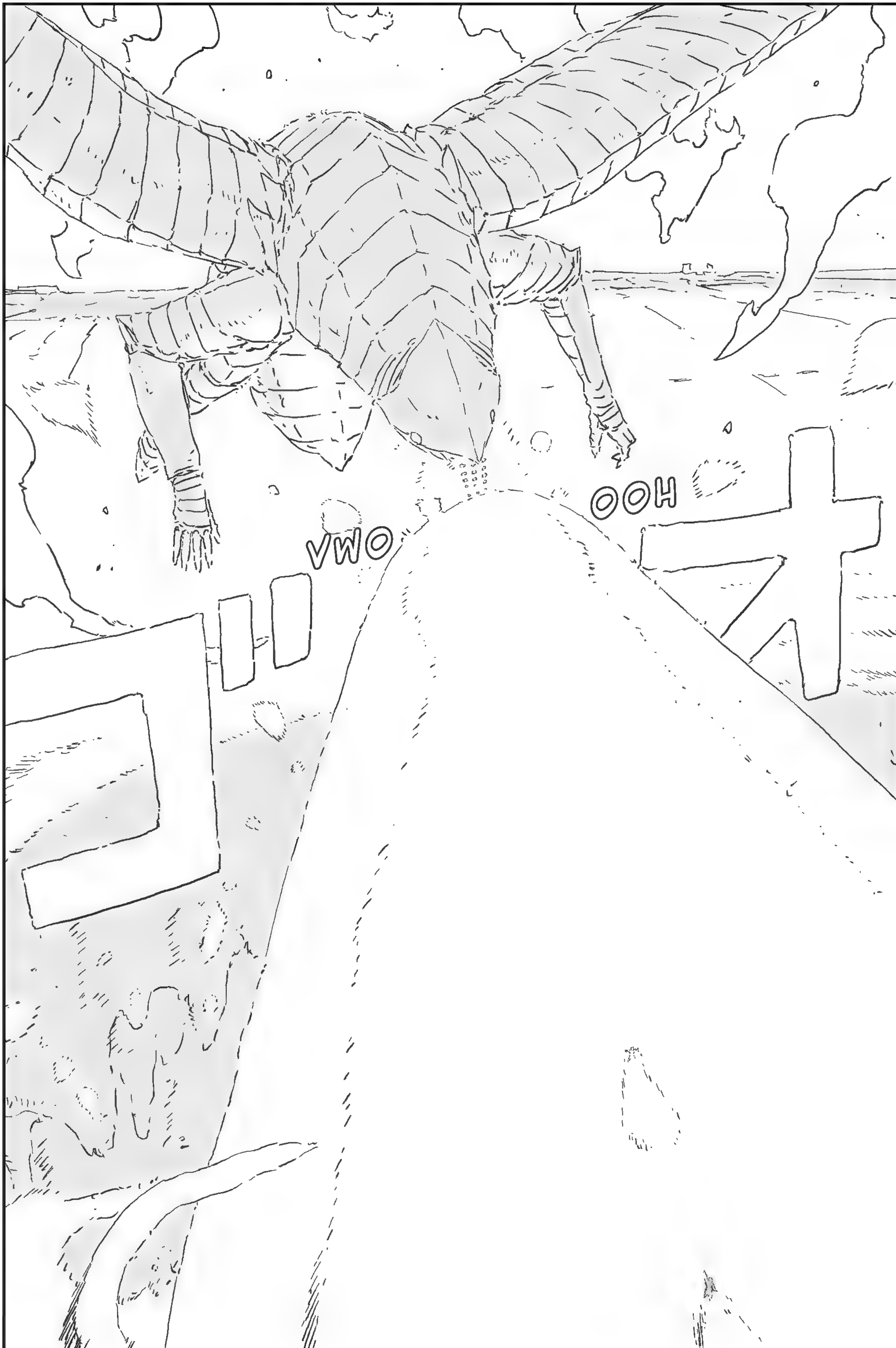
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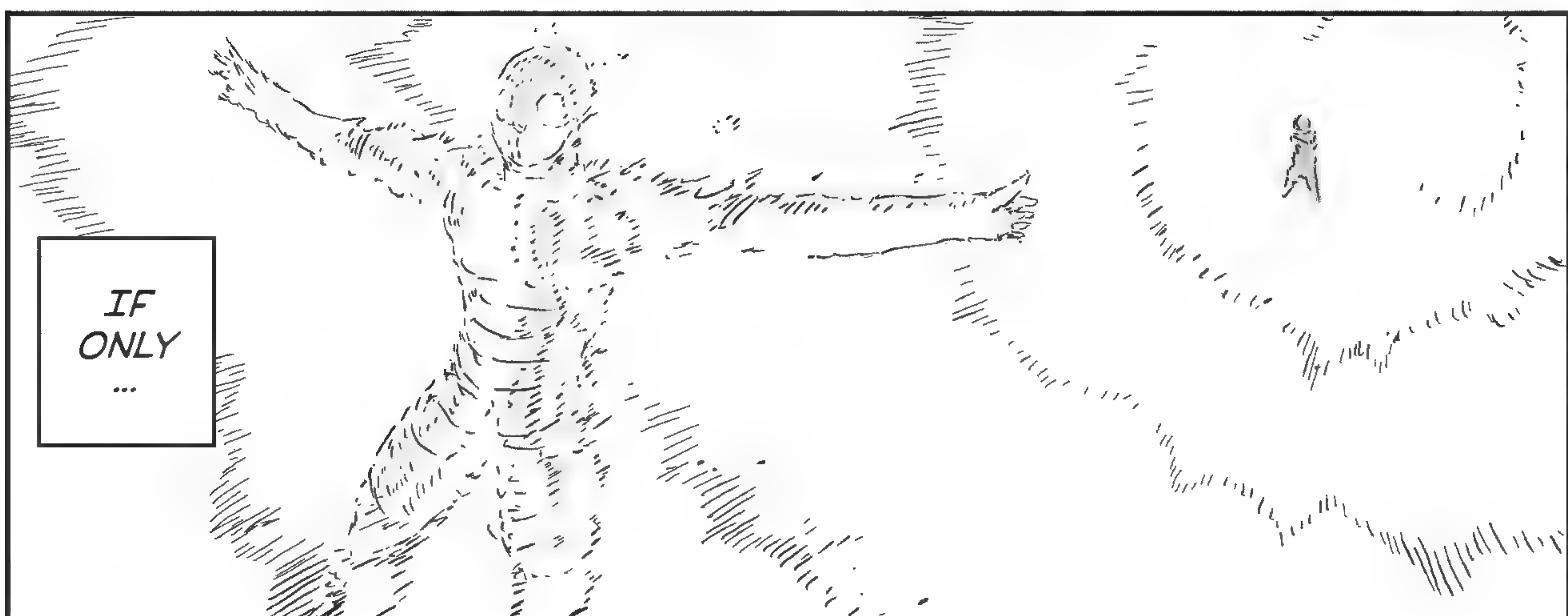
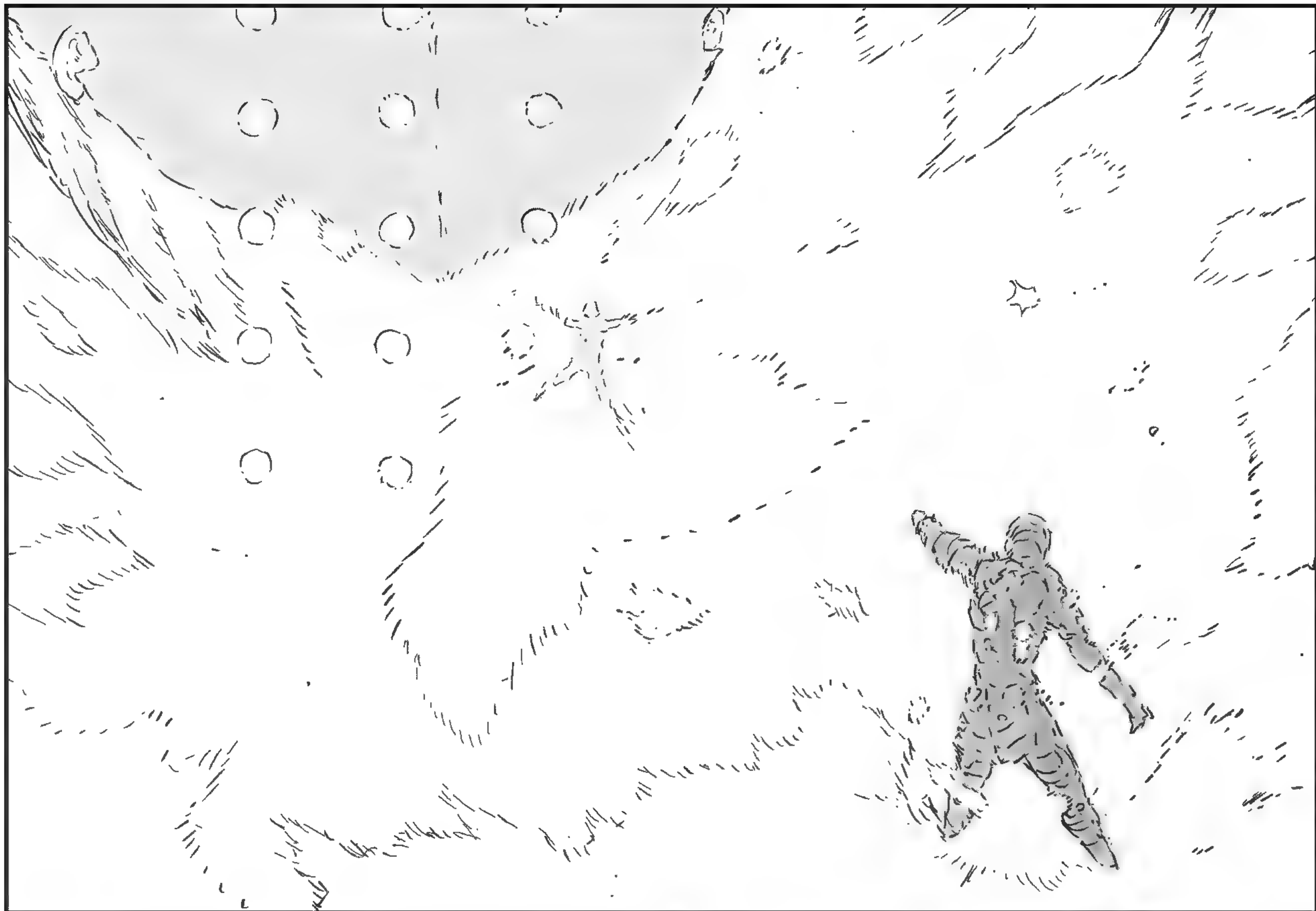
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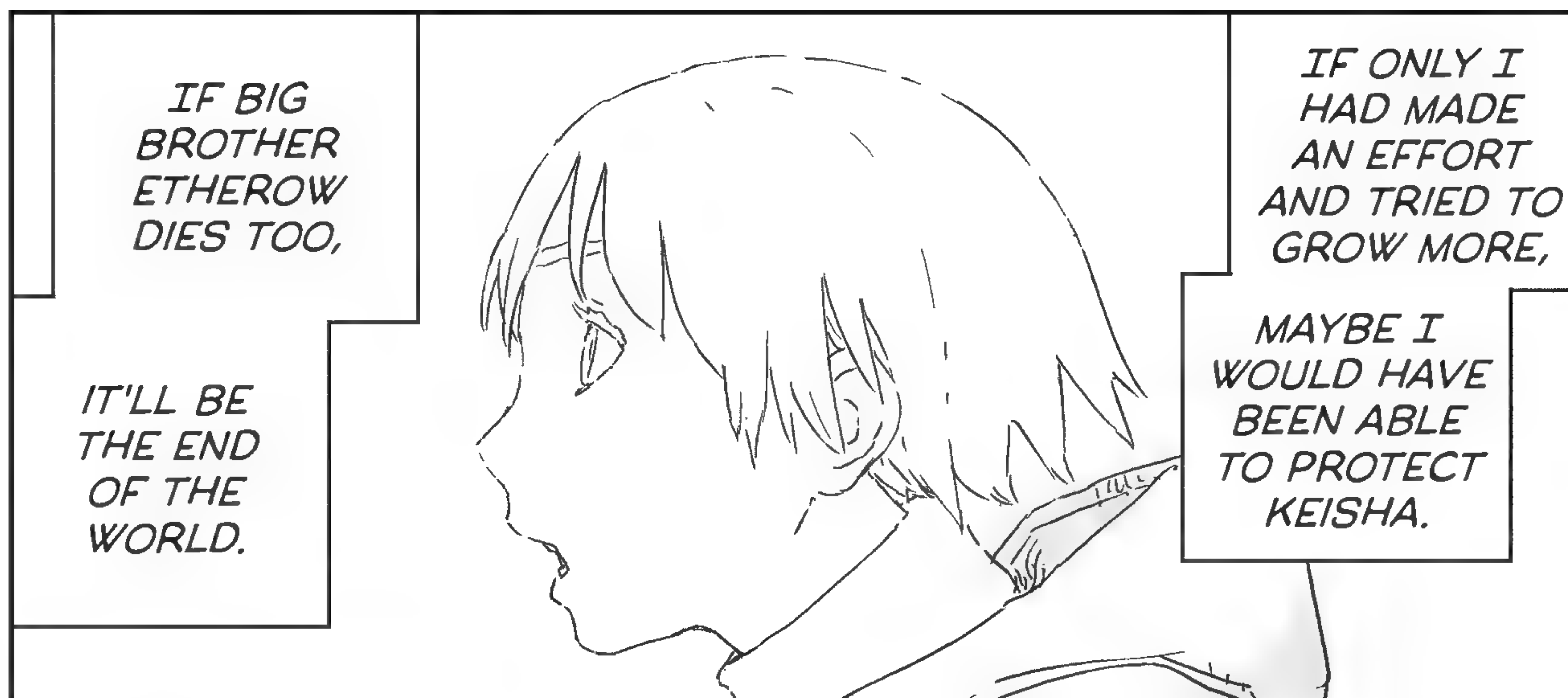


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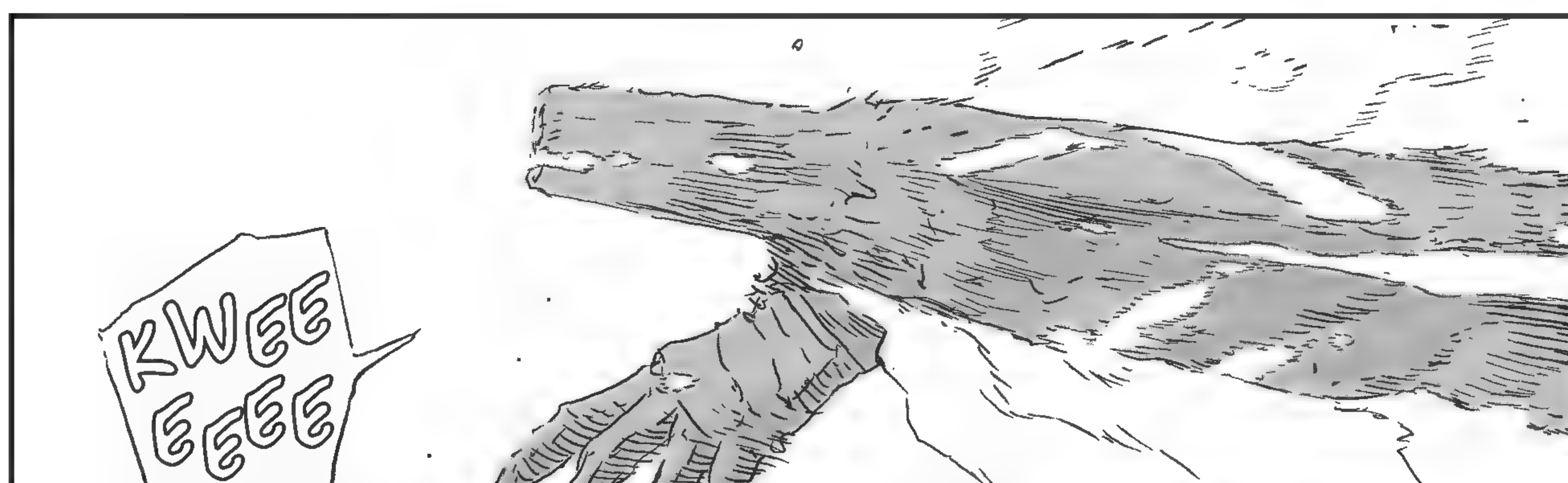
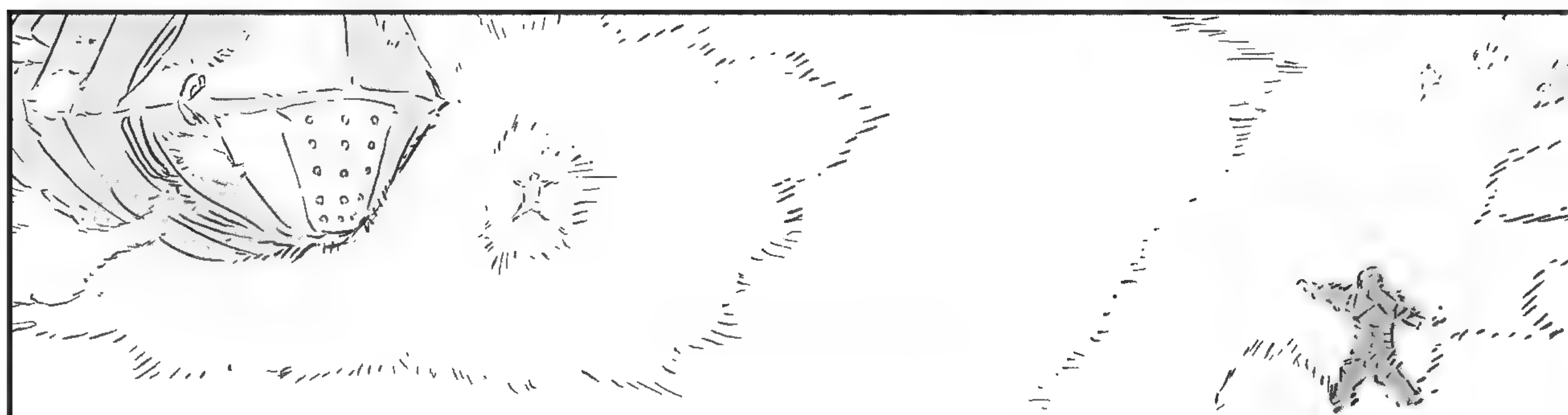


IF BIG
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ETHEROW
DIES TOO,

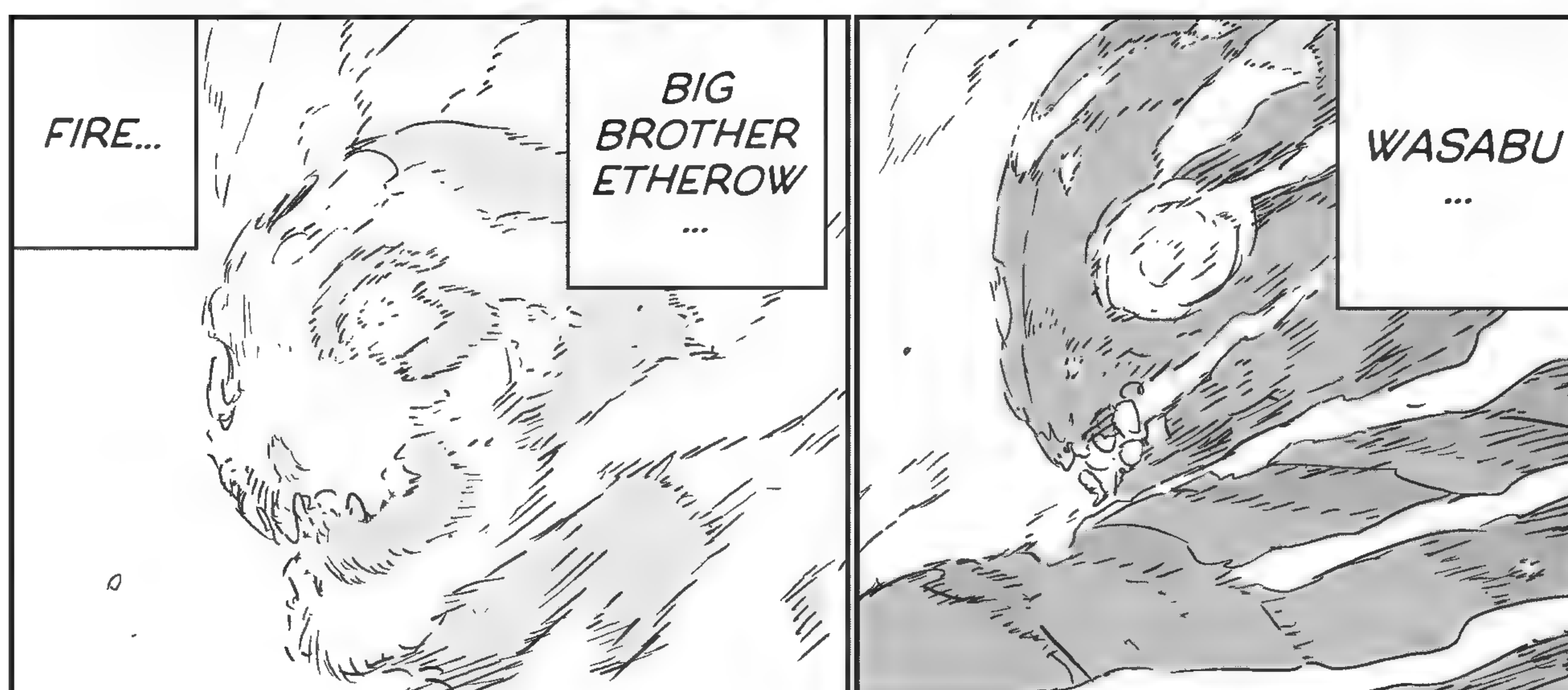
IT'LL BE
THE END
OF THE
WORLD.

IF ONLY I
HAD MADE
AN EFFORT
AND TRIED TO
GROW MORE,

MAYBE I
WOULD HAVE
BEEN ABLE
TO PROTECT
KEISHA.



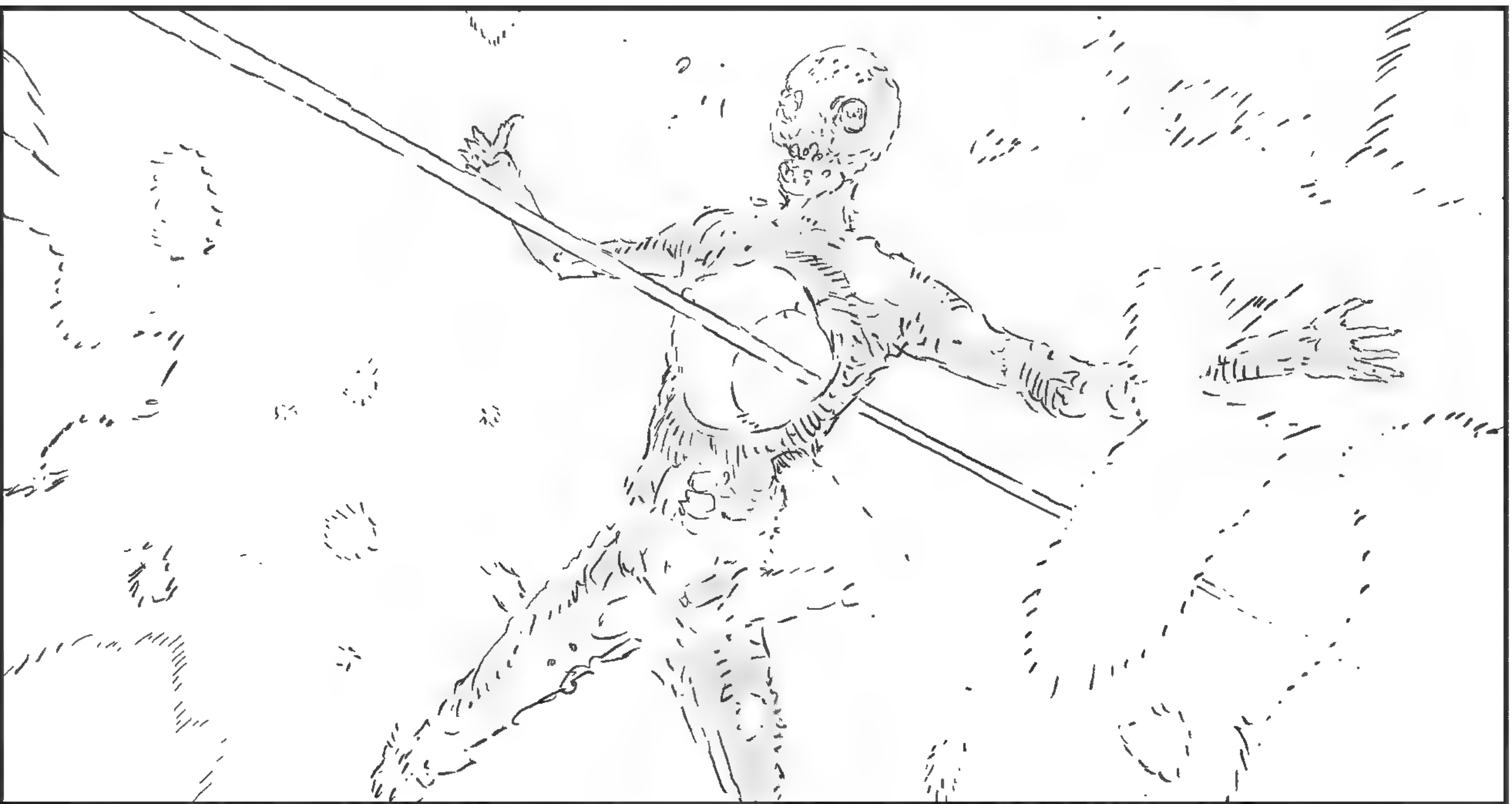
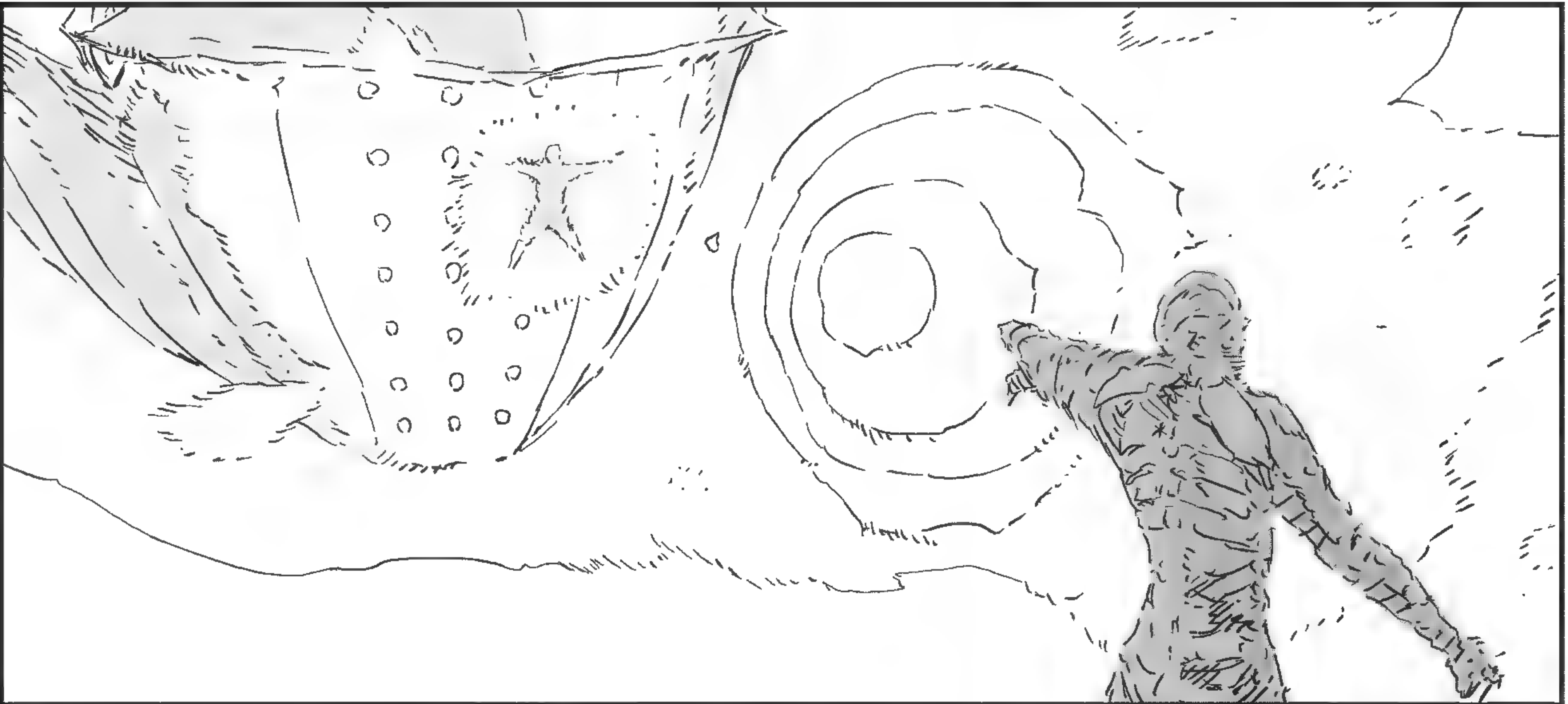
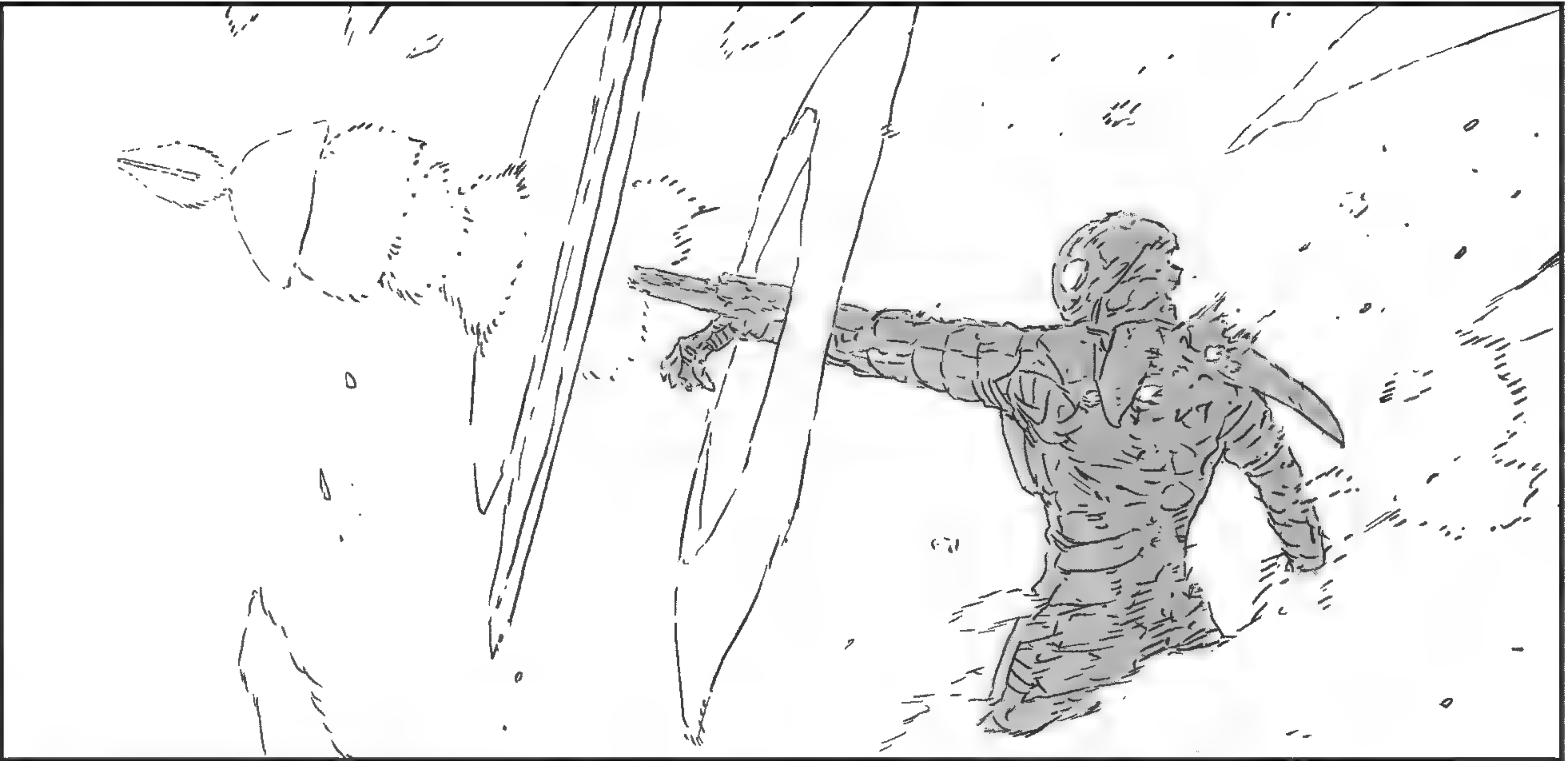
KWEE
EEEE

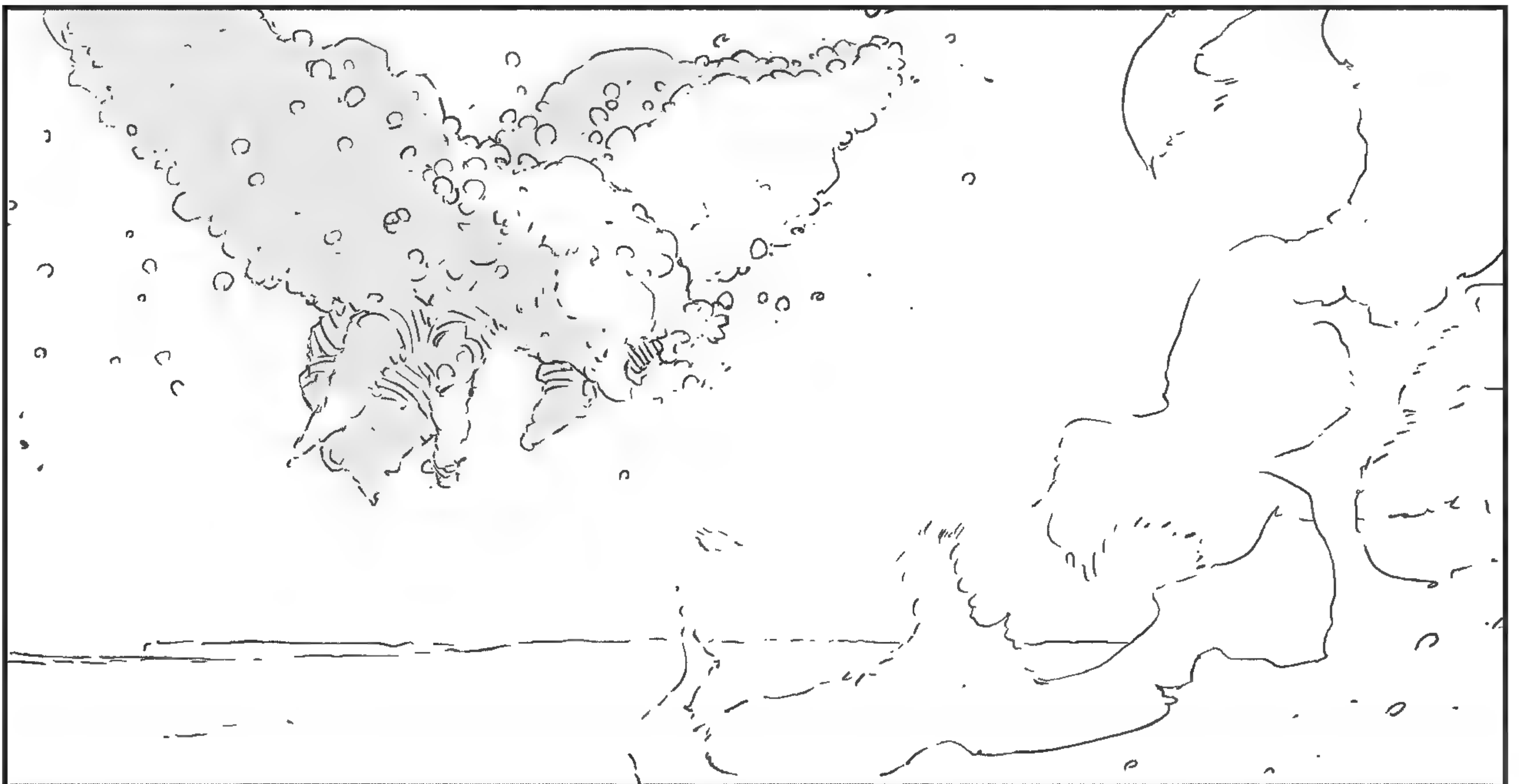
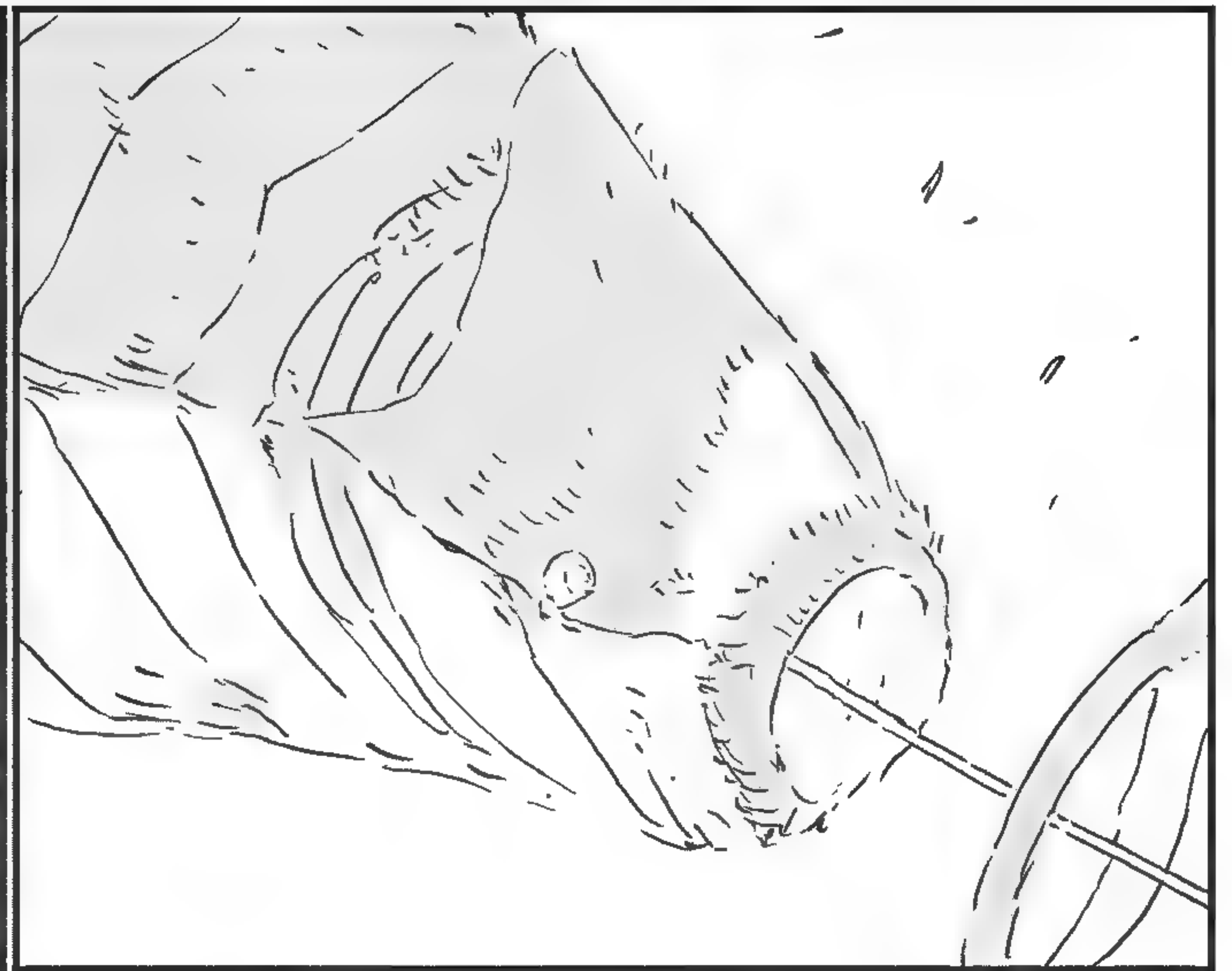
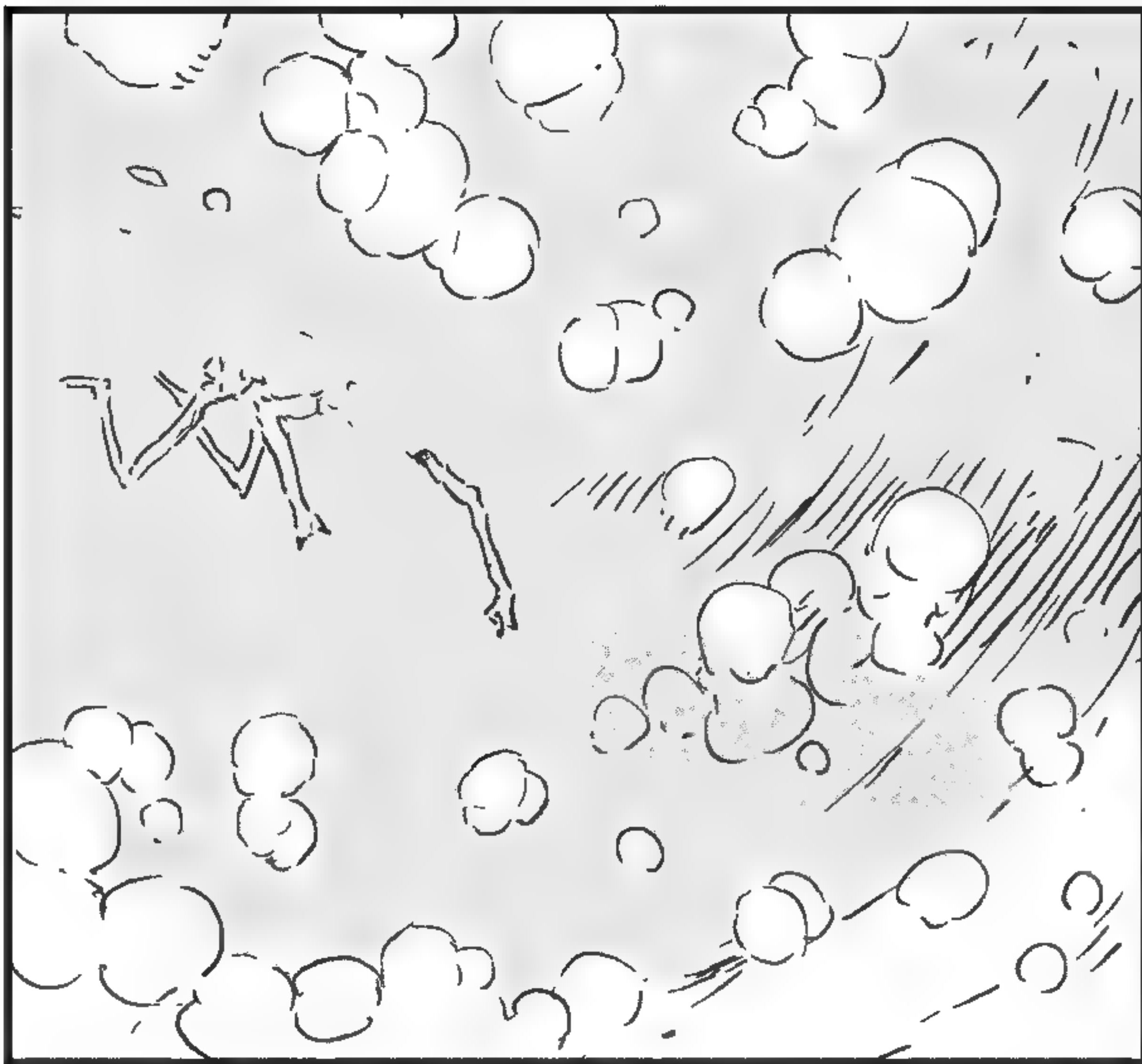


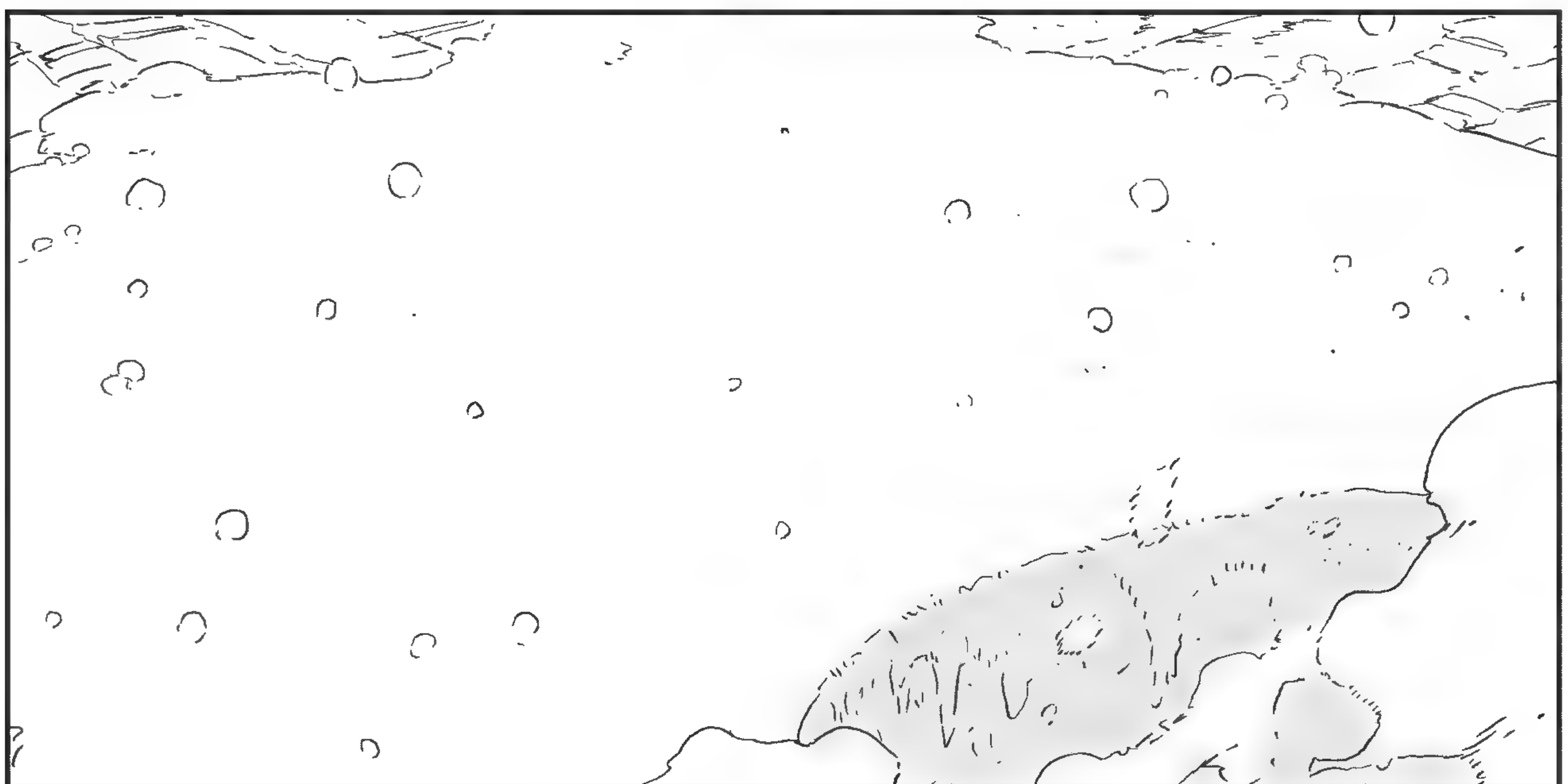
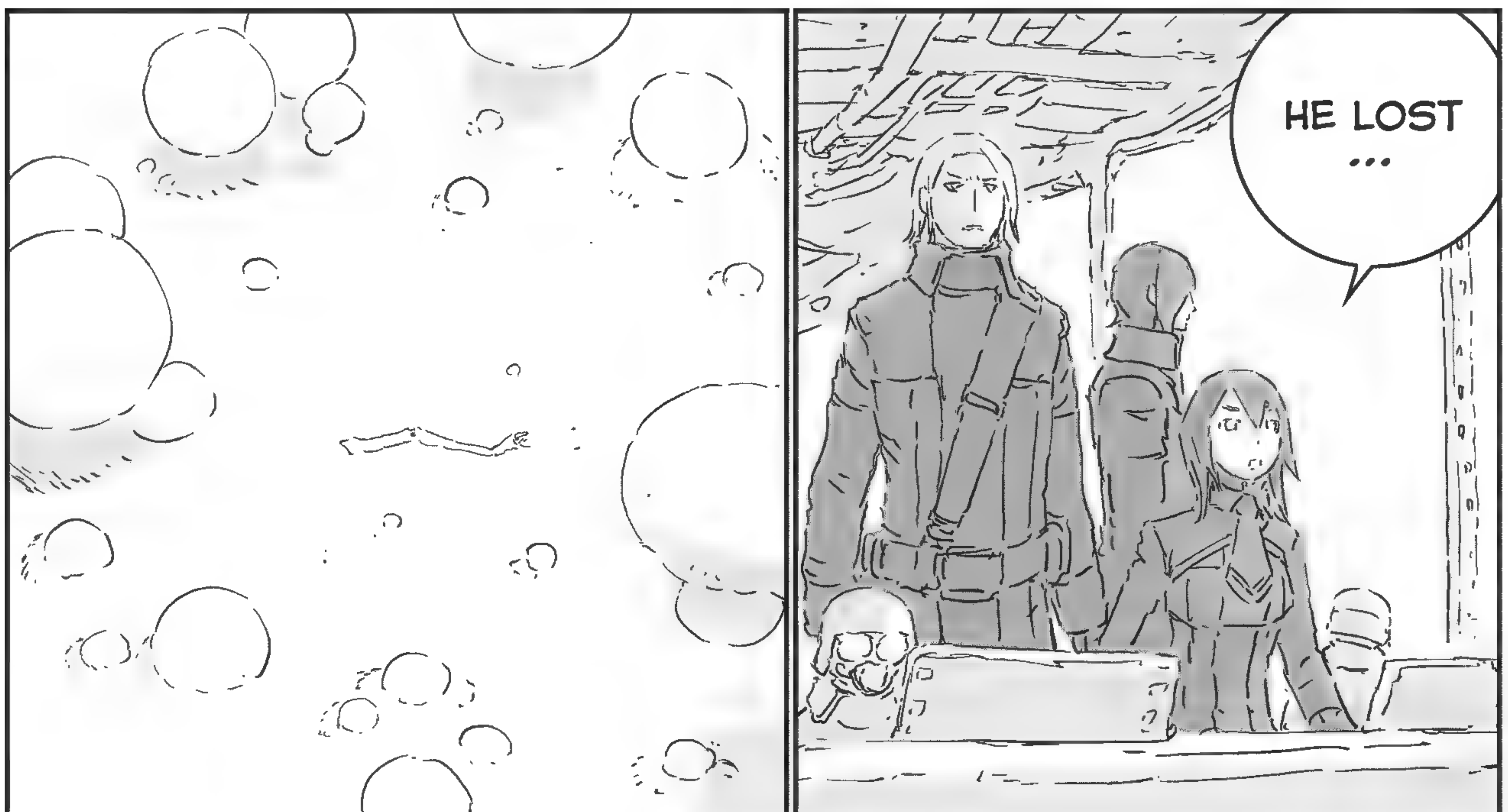
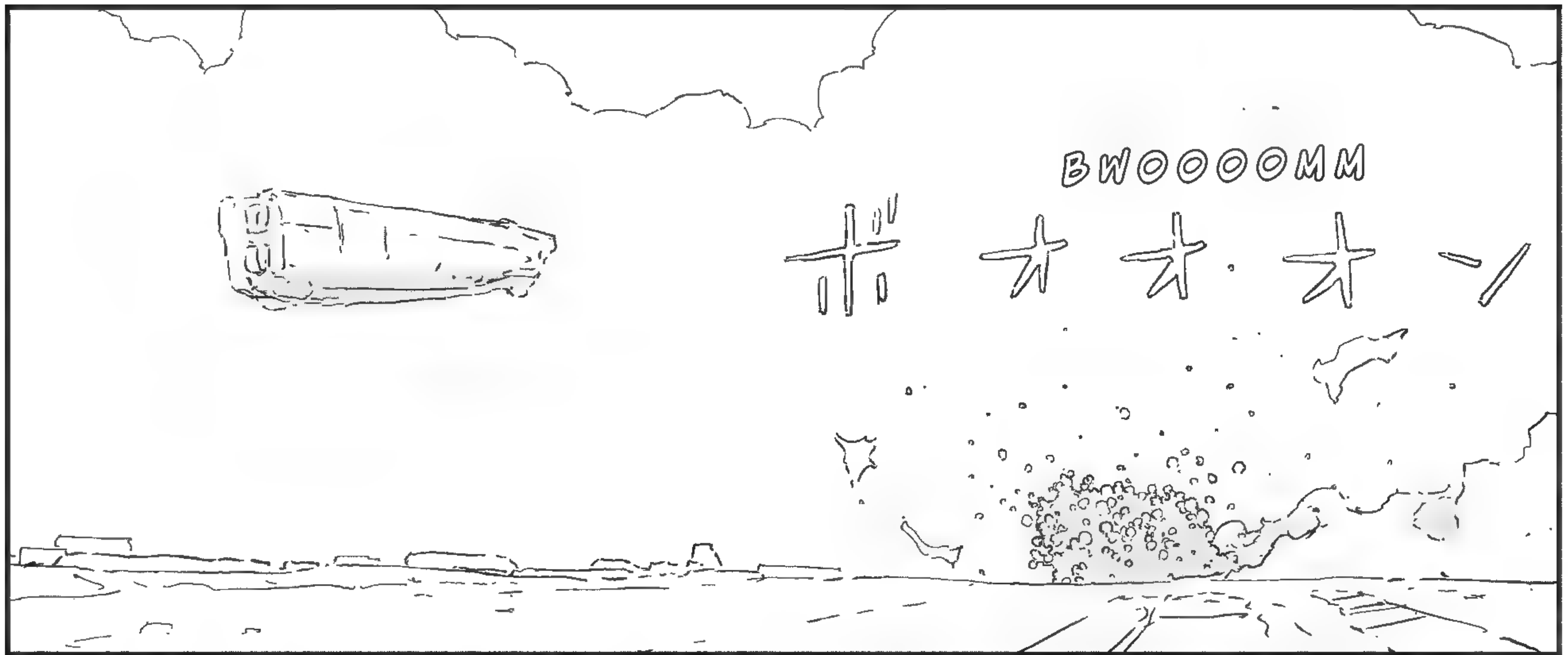
FIRE...

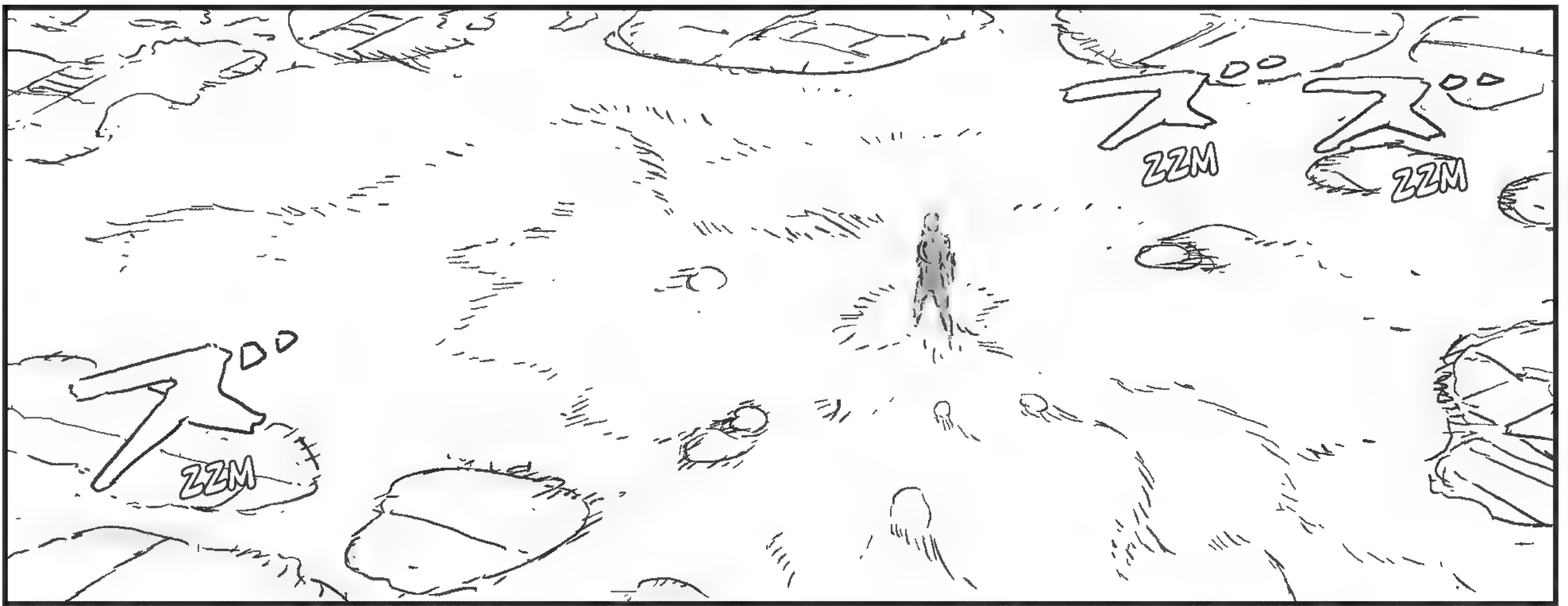
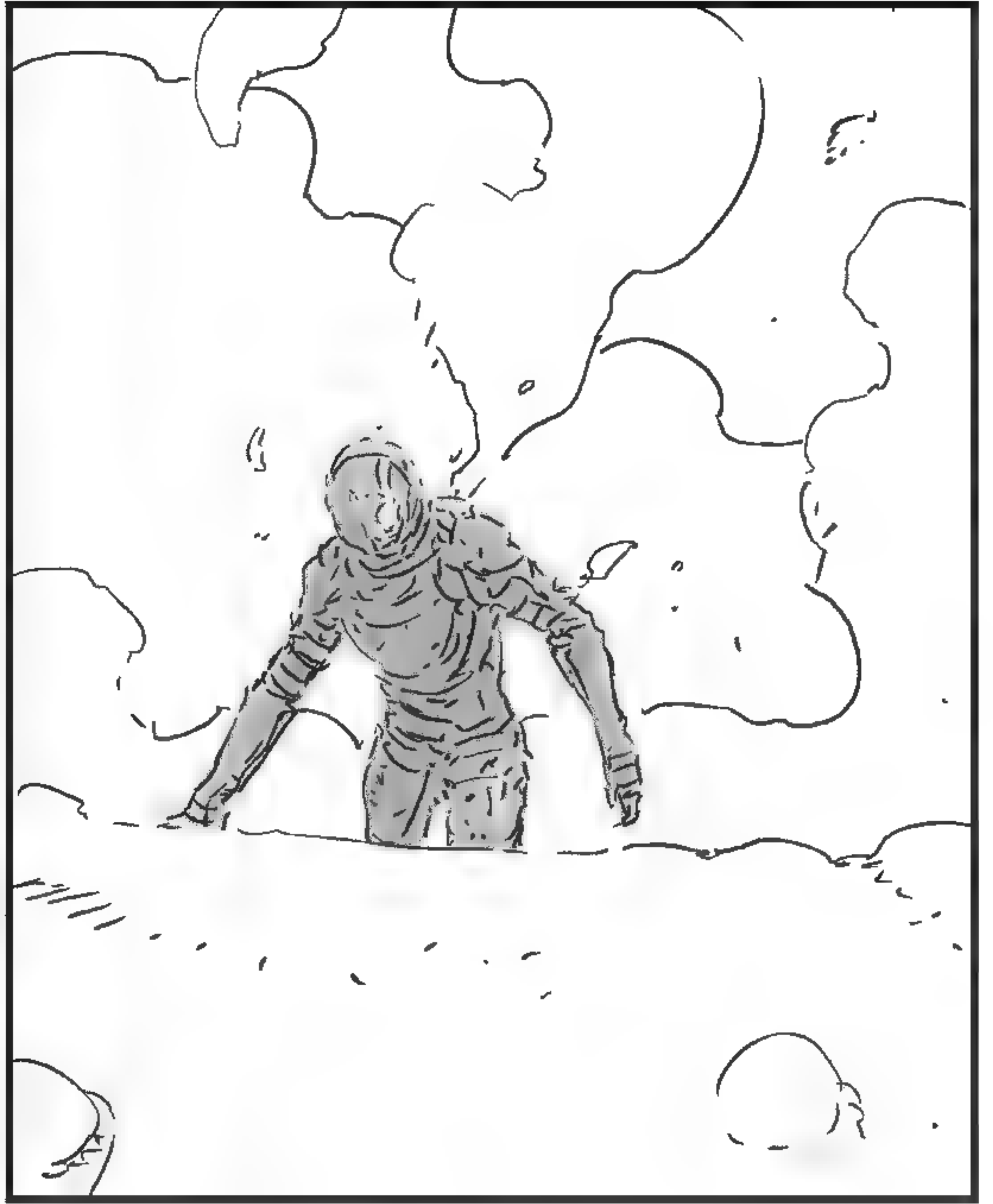
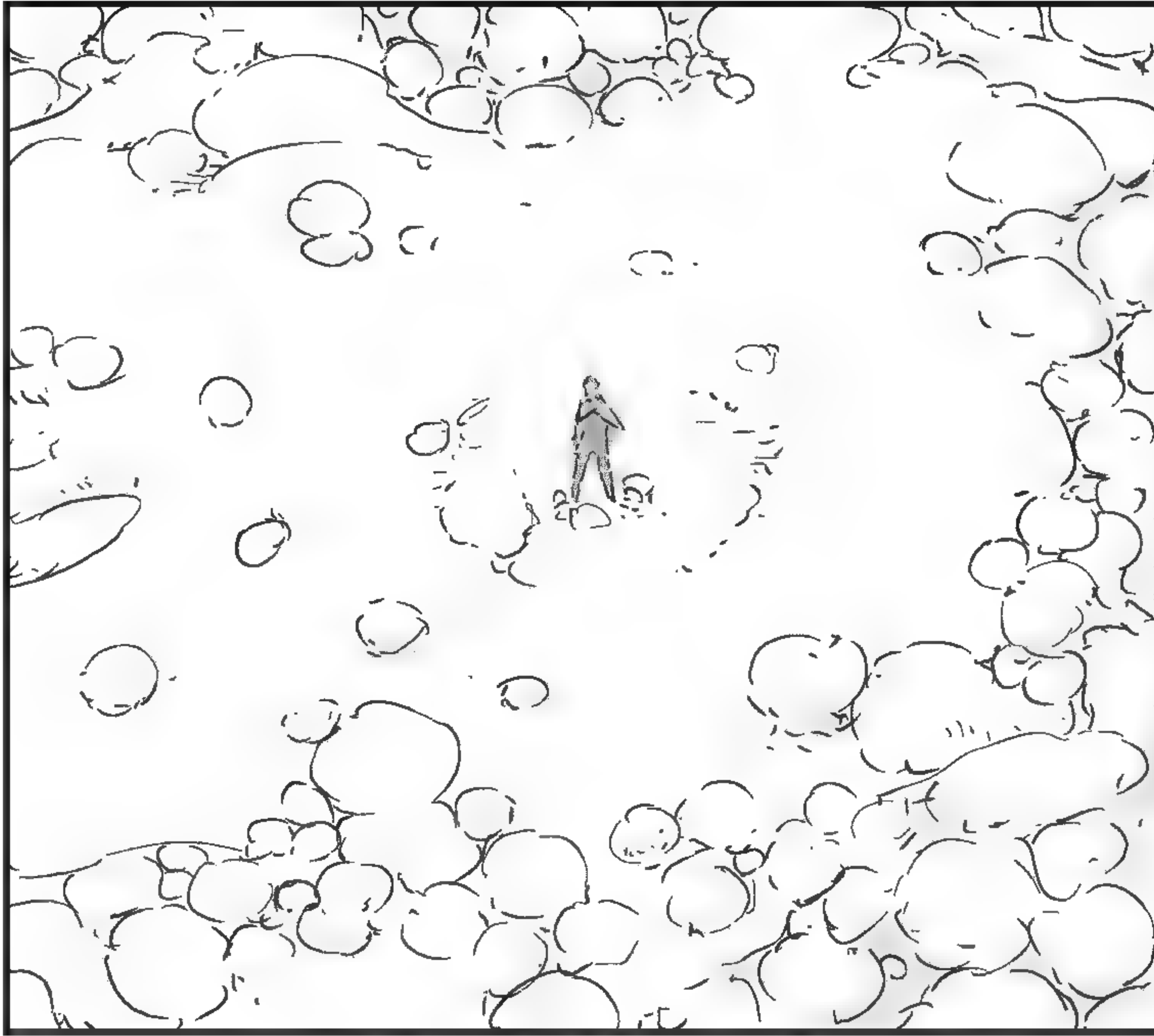
BIG
BROTHER
ETHEROW
...

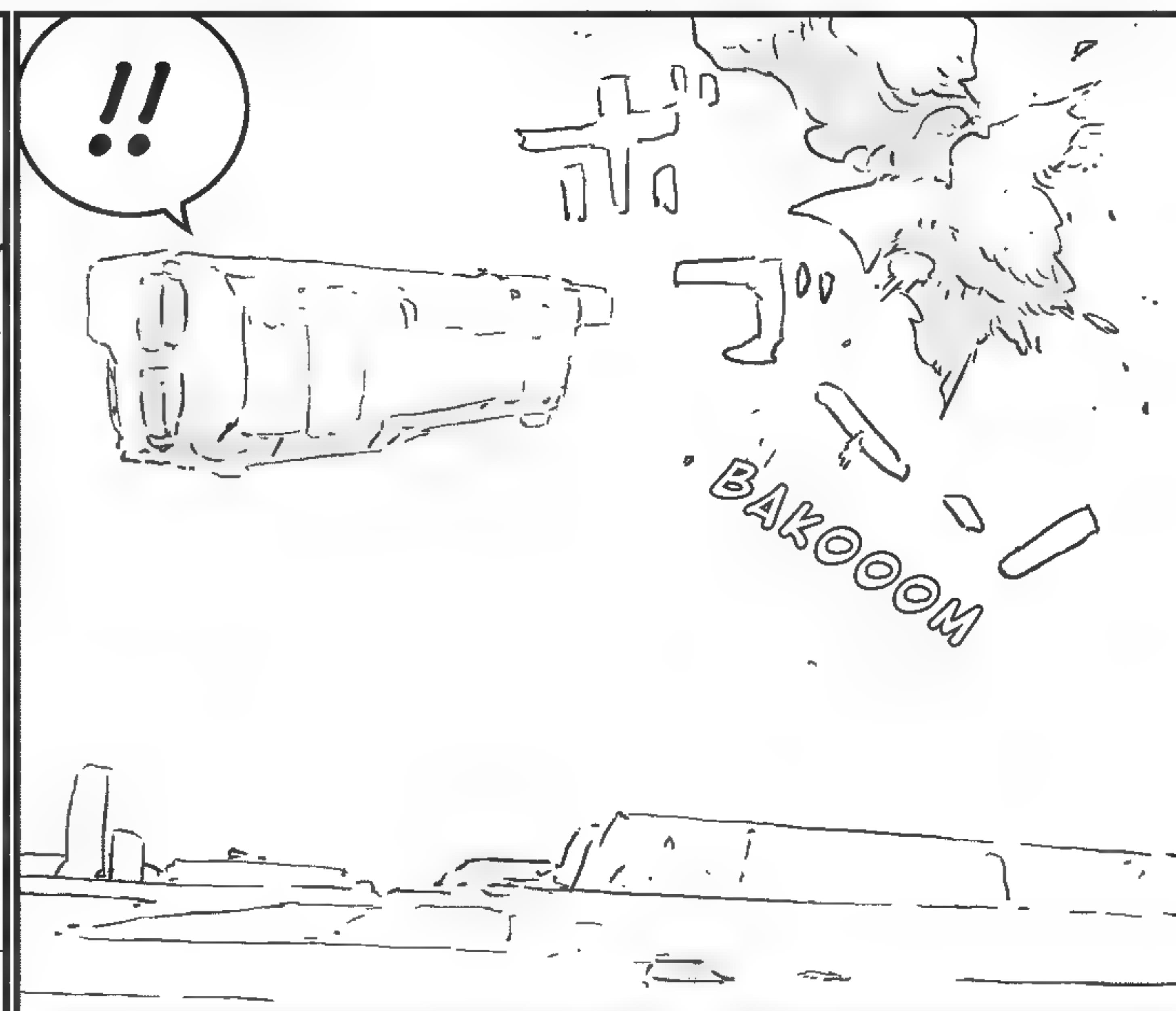
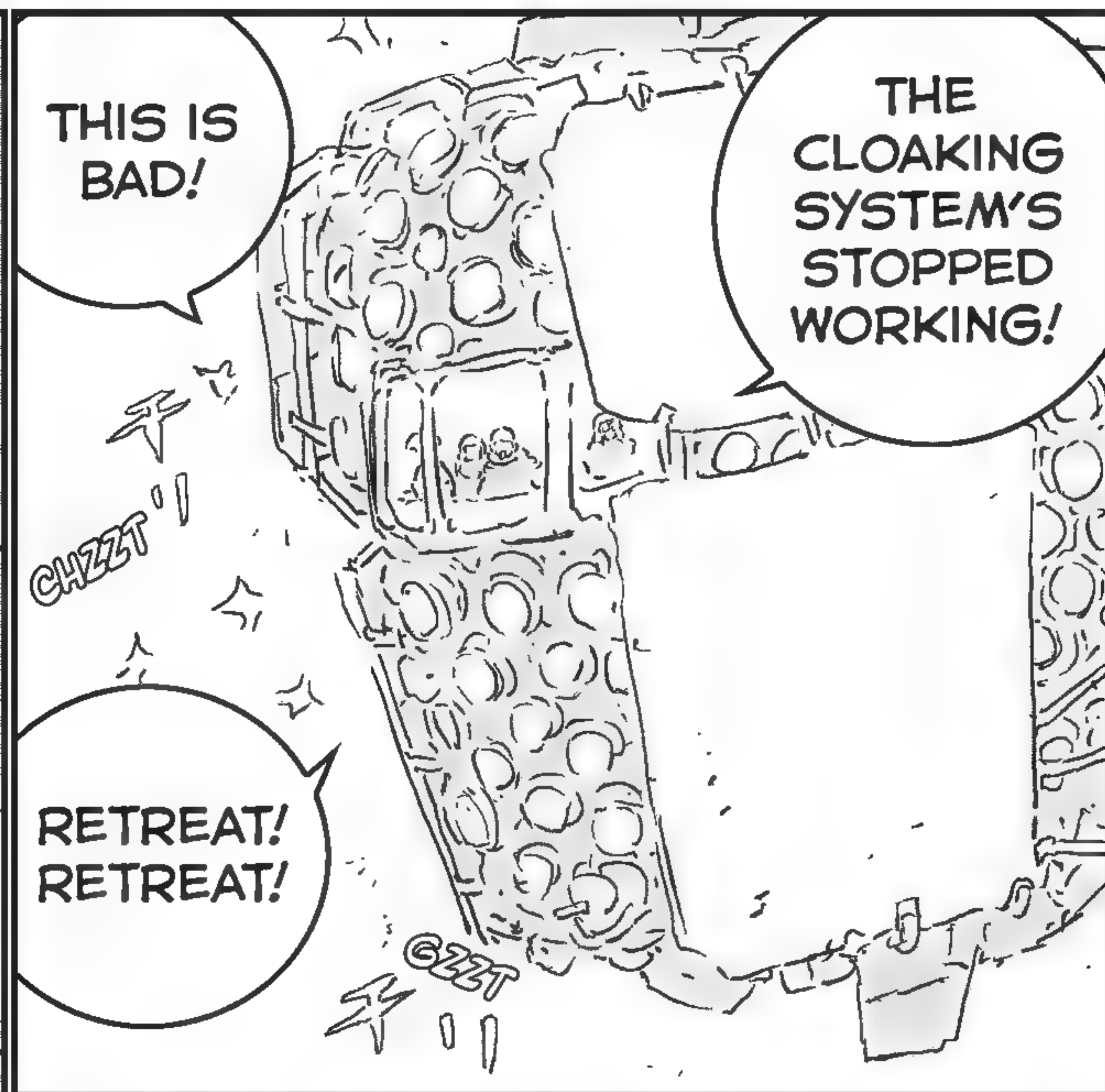
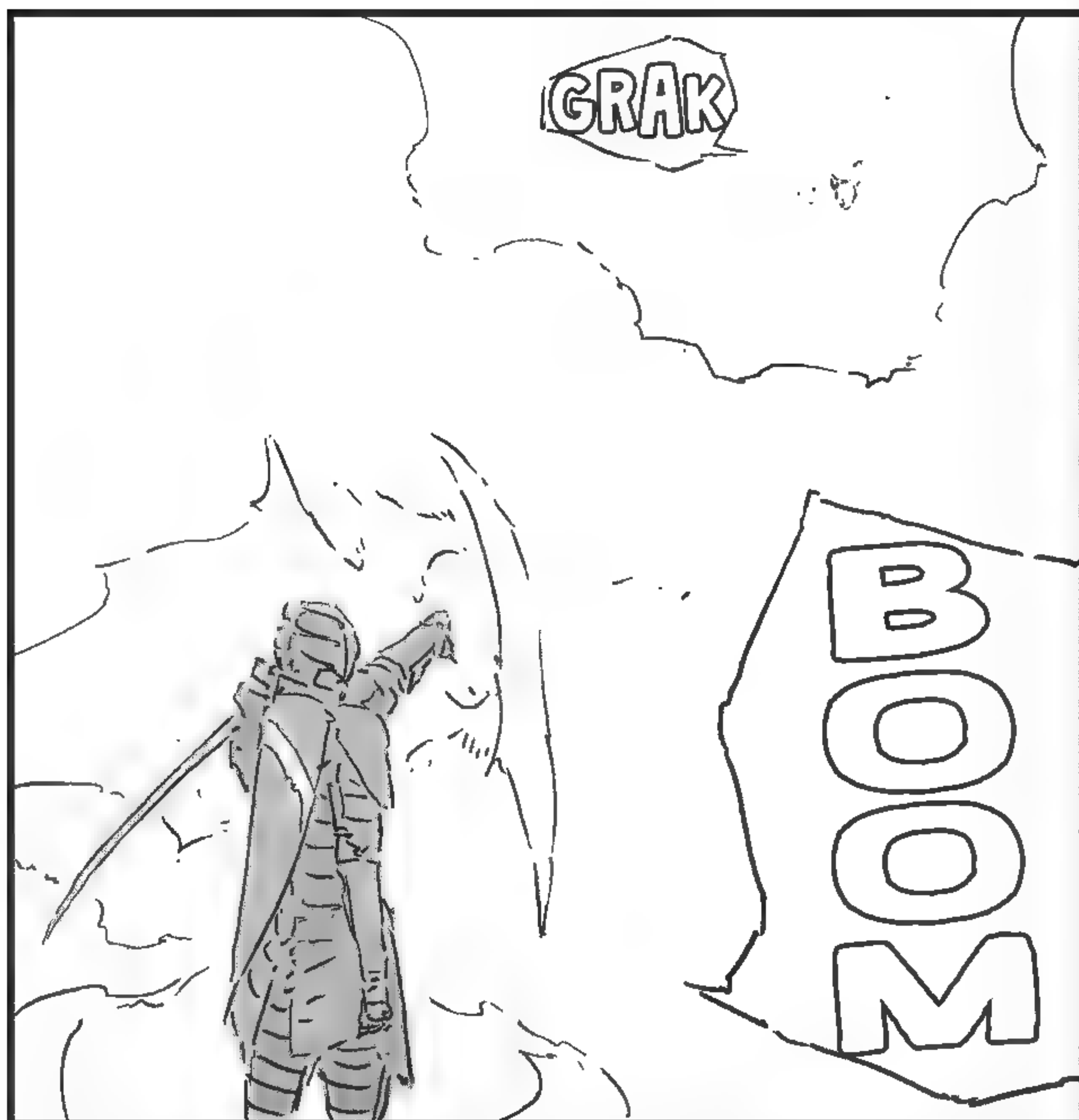
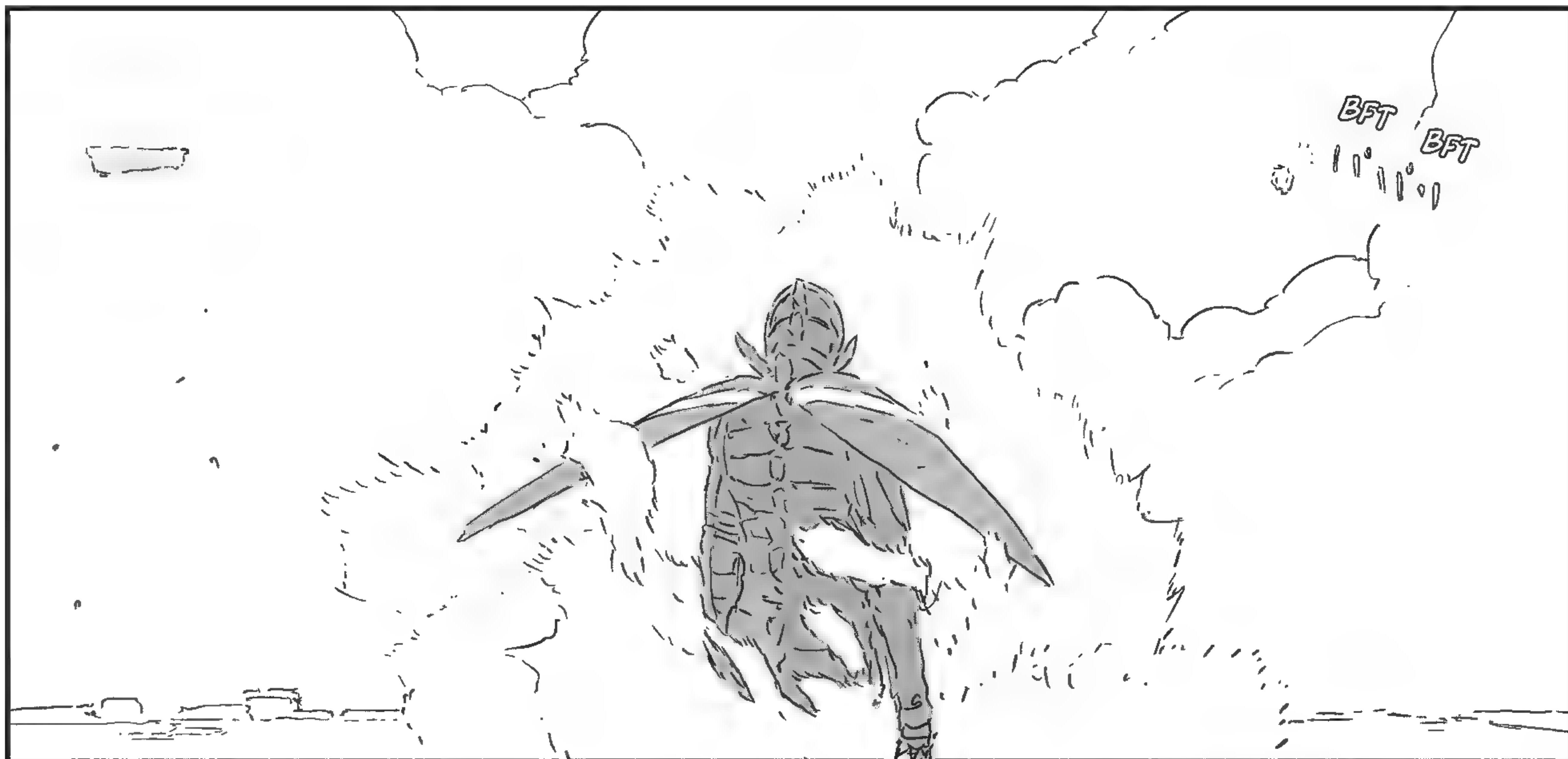
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...

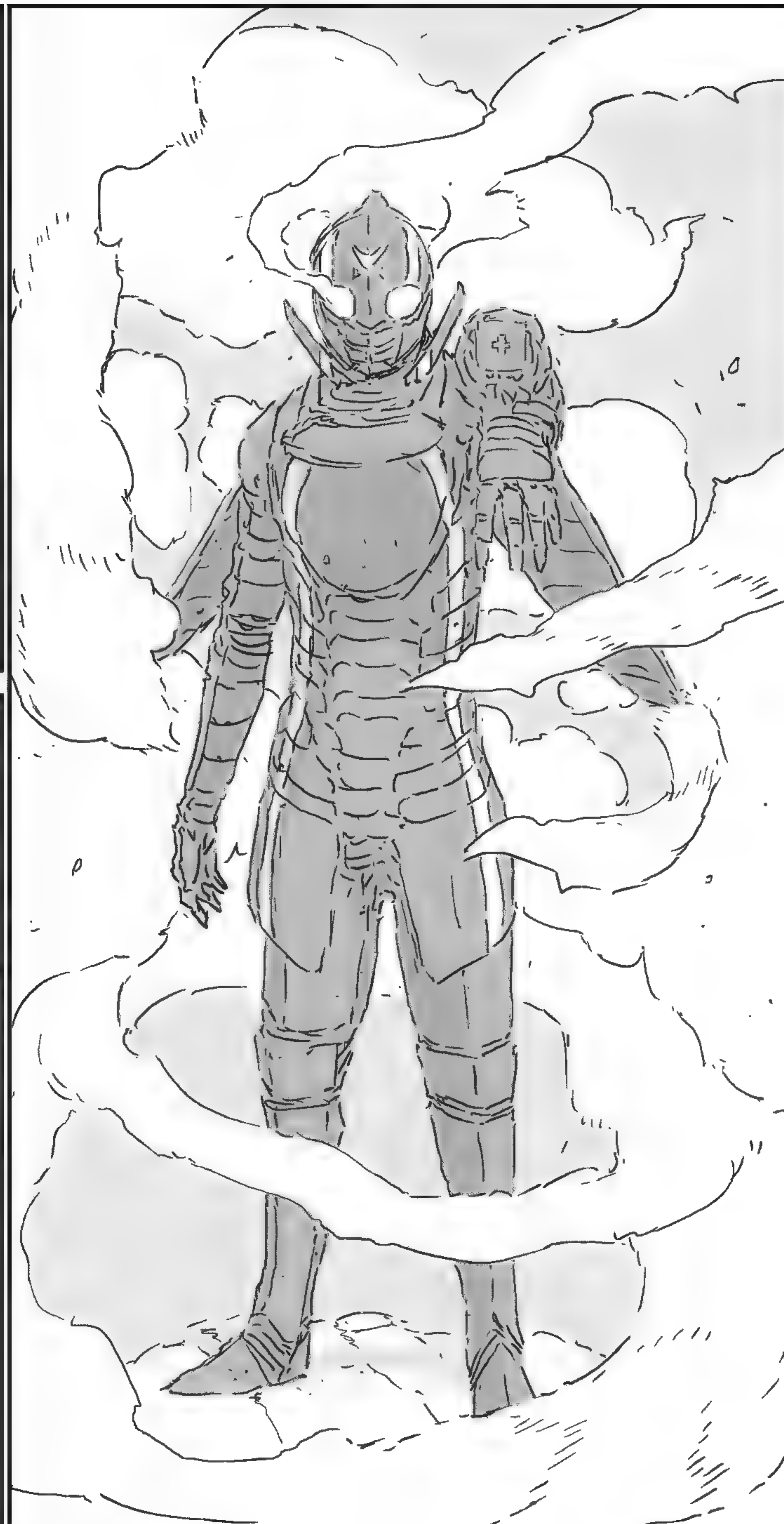
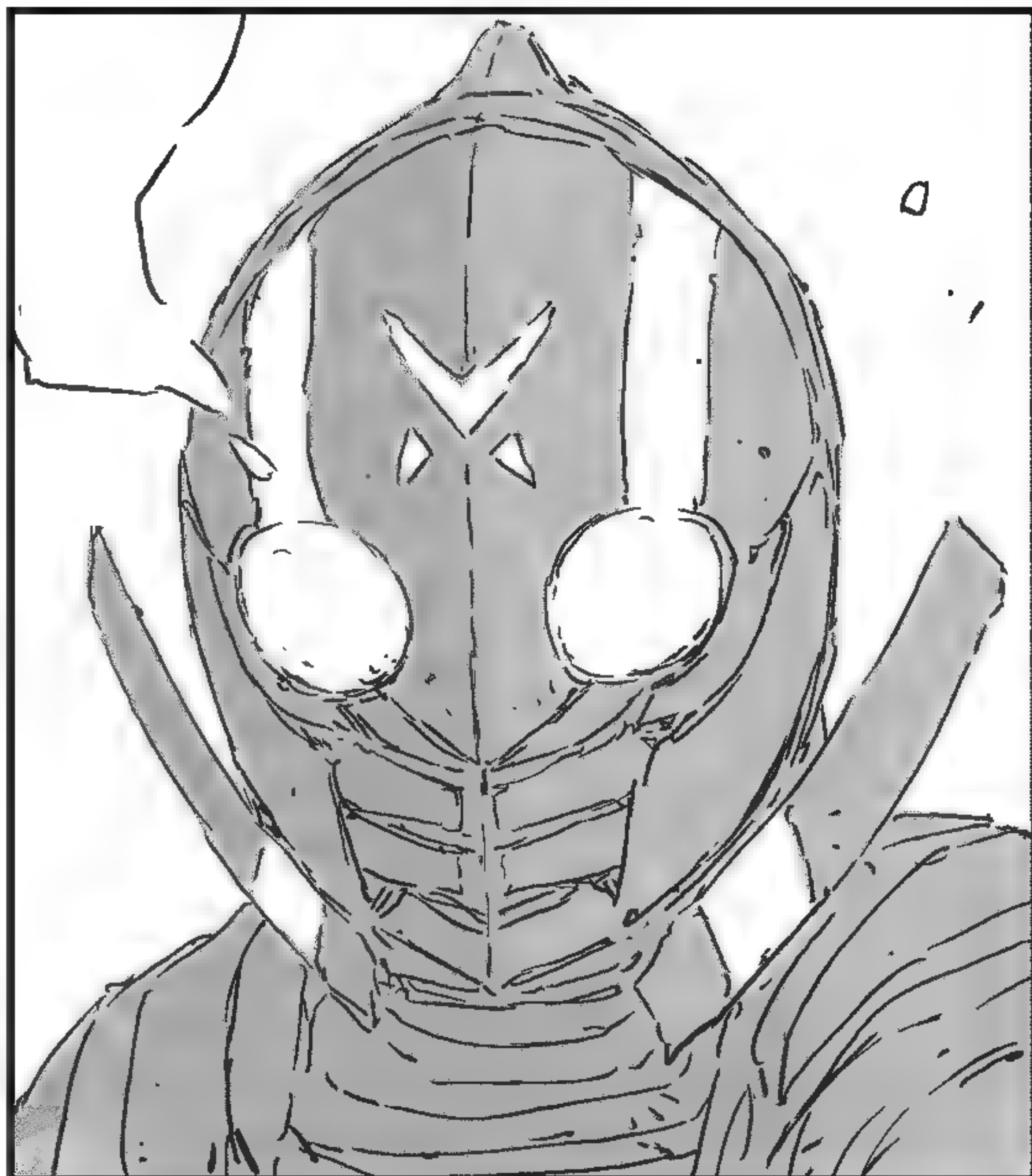






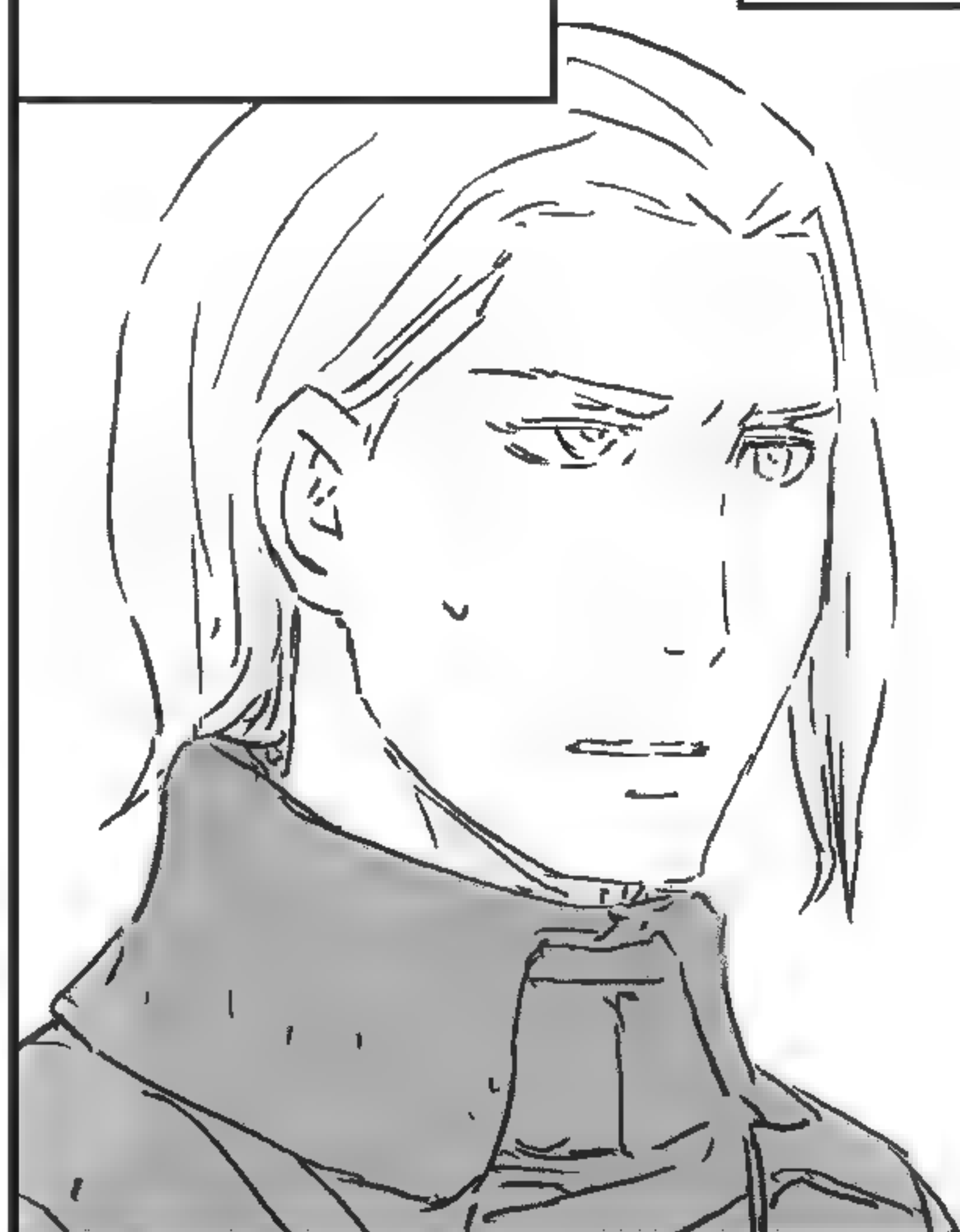






IS SUCH
A THING
POSSIBLE?!

HIS BASIC
ARMOR
FORMATION
IS
CHANGING!



BUT AFTER
ABSORBING THAT
MUCH PLACENTA,
HIS CURRENT
CAPABILITIES ARE
AN UNKNOWN
QUANTITY.

SUCCESS OR
FAILURE IS NOW
A FIFTY-FIFTY
PROPOSITION.



THIS IS
A GOLDEN
OPPORTU-
NITY TO
NAB THE
AMBS.

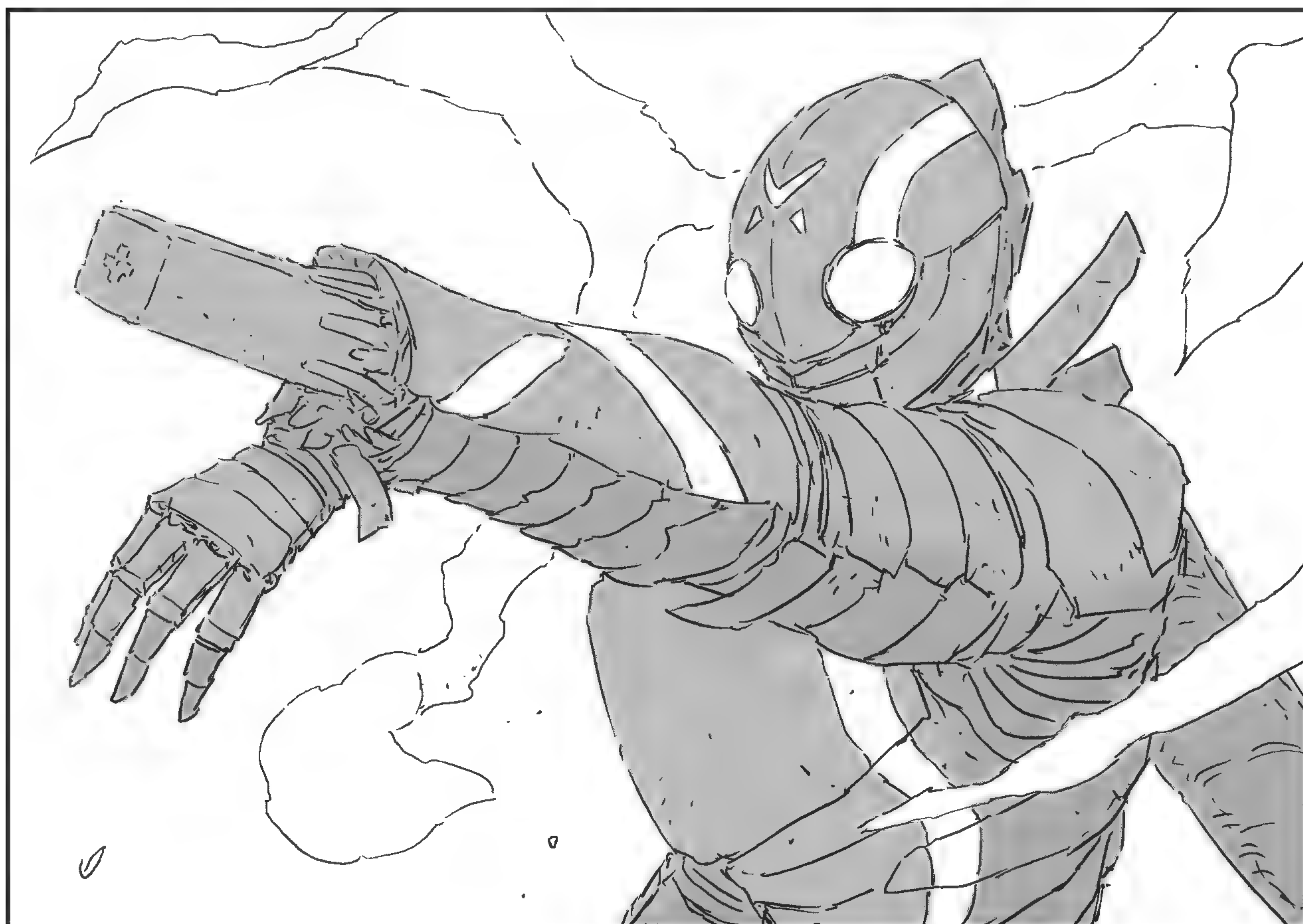
ETHEROW
IS NOW
OUR
SOLE
ENEMY.

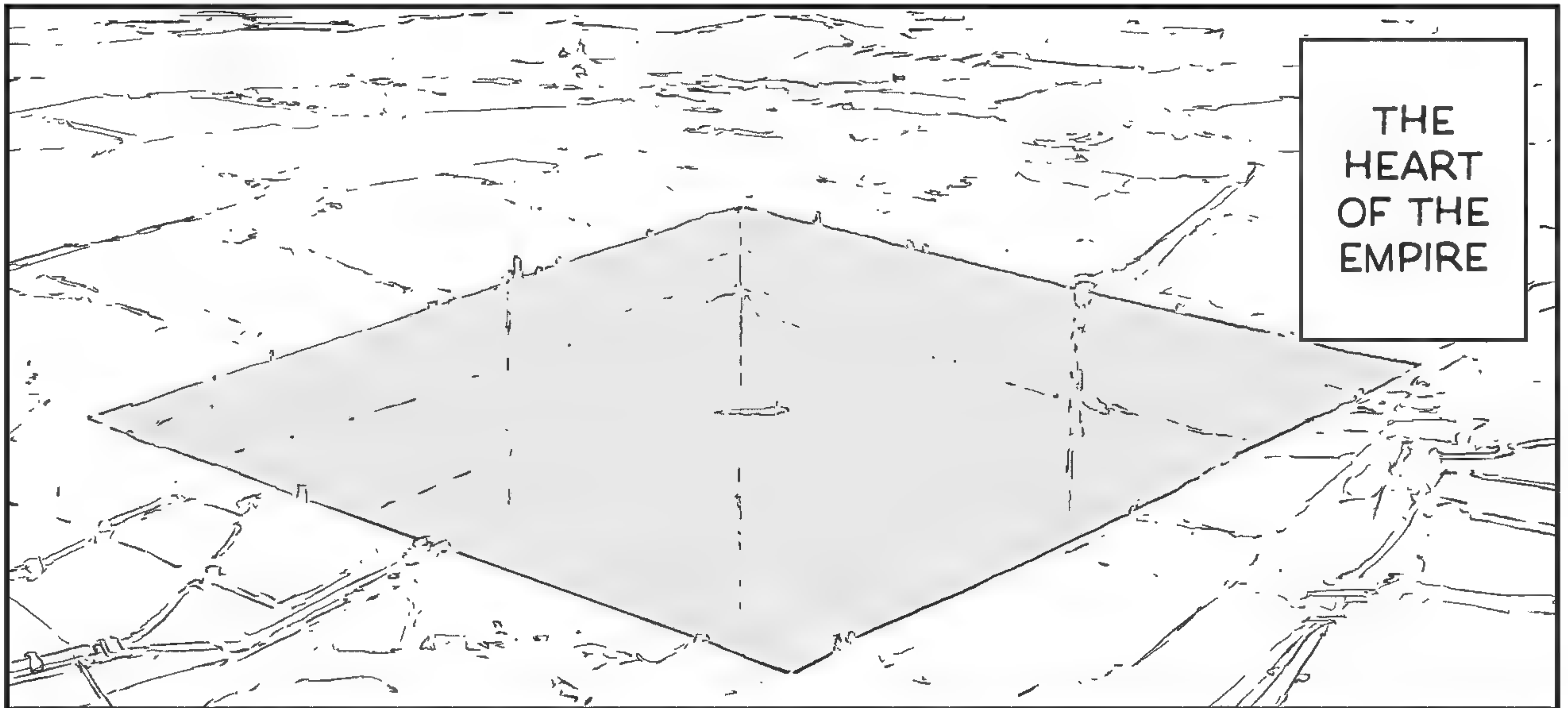
ON JATE'S SHIP,
THERE ARE A
GREAT NUMBER
OF CHILDREN AND
CIVILIANS FROM
BACK THEN.

ETHEROW.

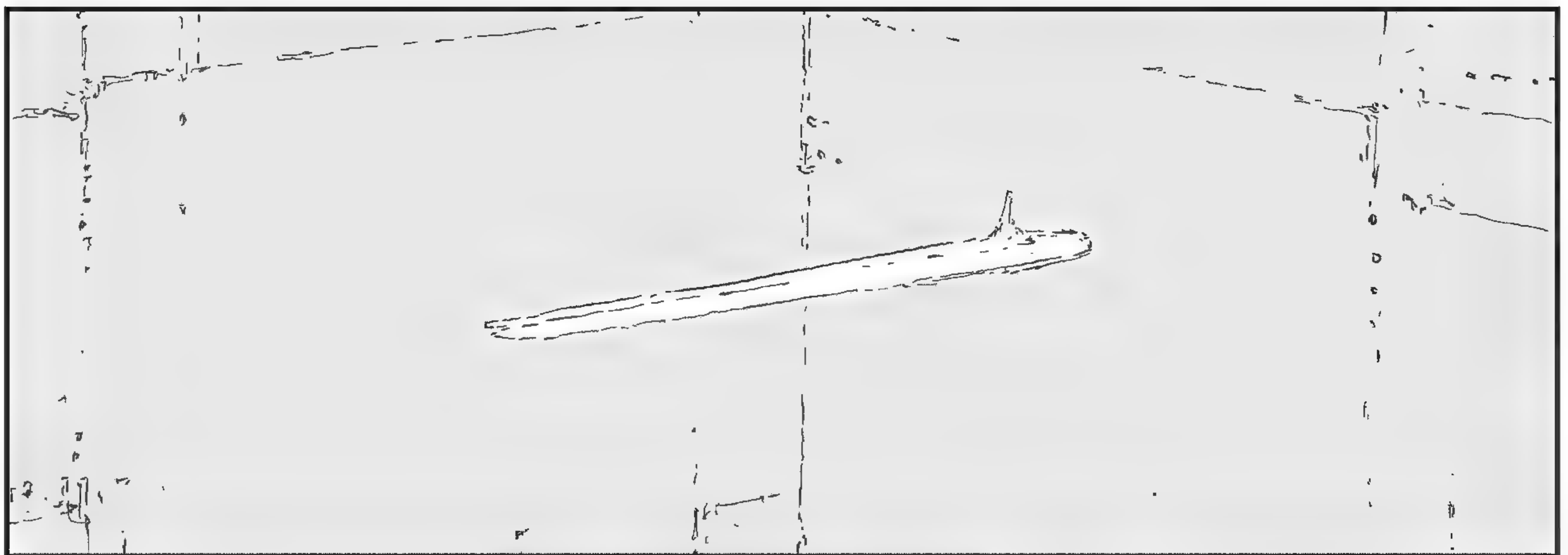
EVEN IF
WE GOT
THE AMBS,
WOULD THAT
REALLY BE
ENOUGH?

AND
IS IT SAFE
TO TRUST
HIS
MAJESTY?



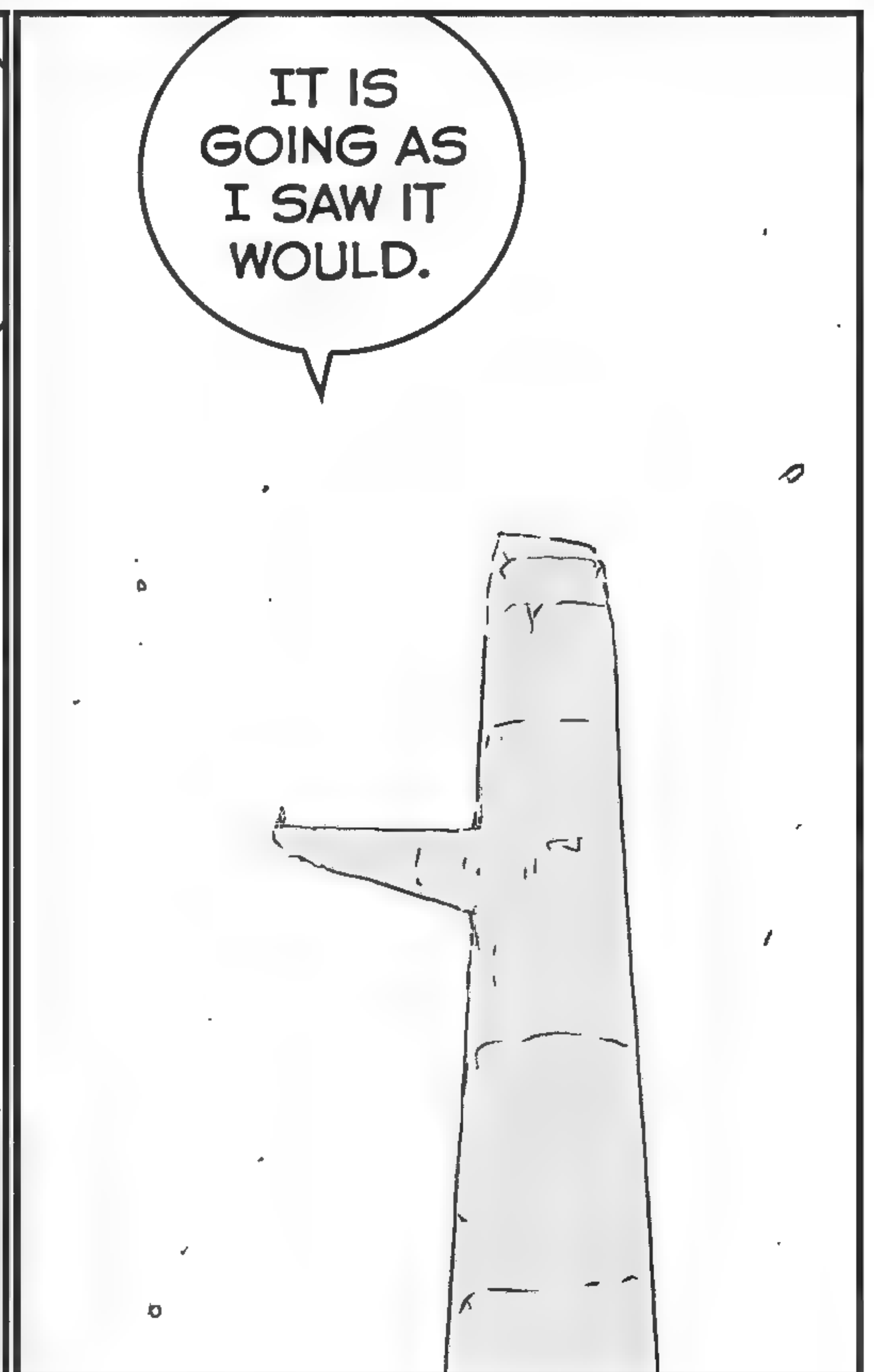


THE
HEART
OF THE
EMPIRE

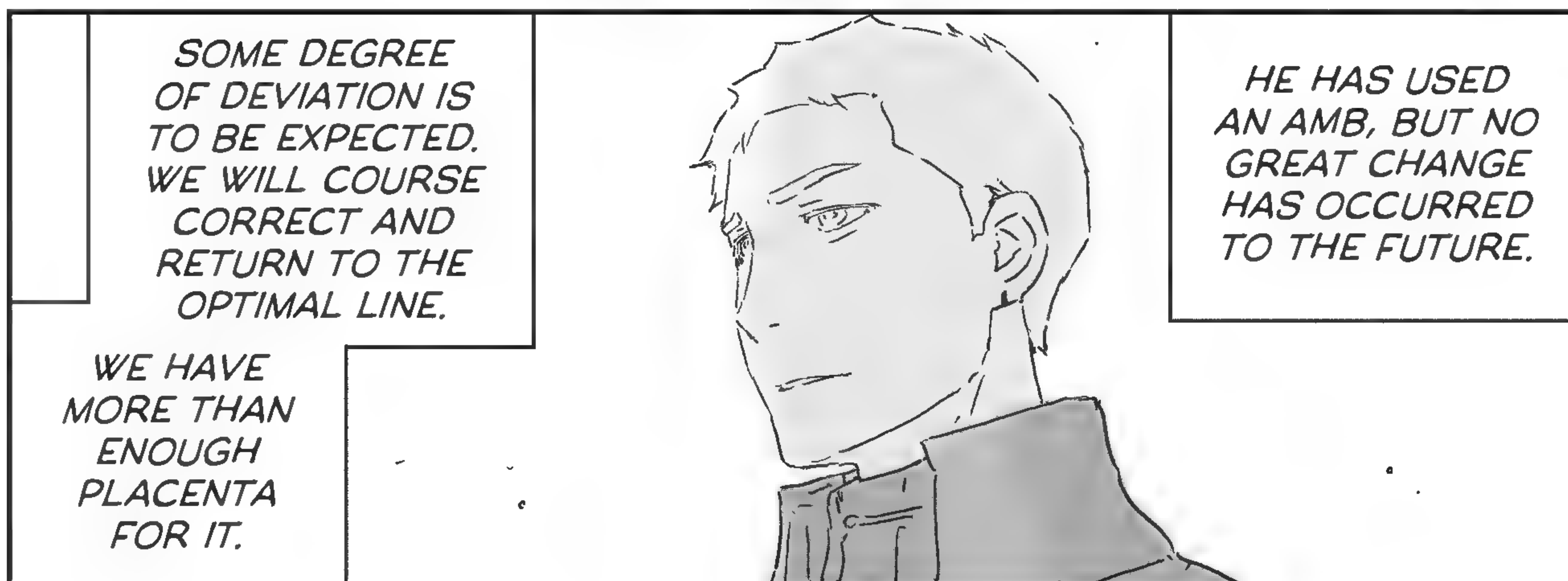


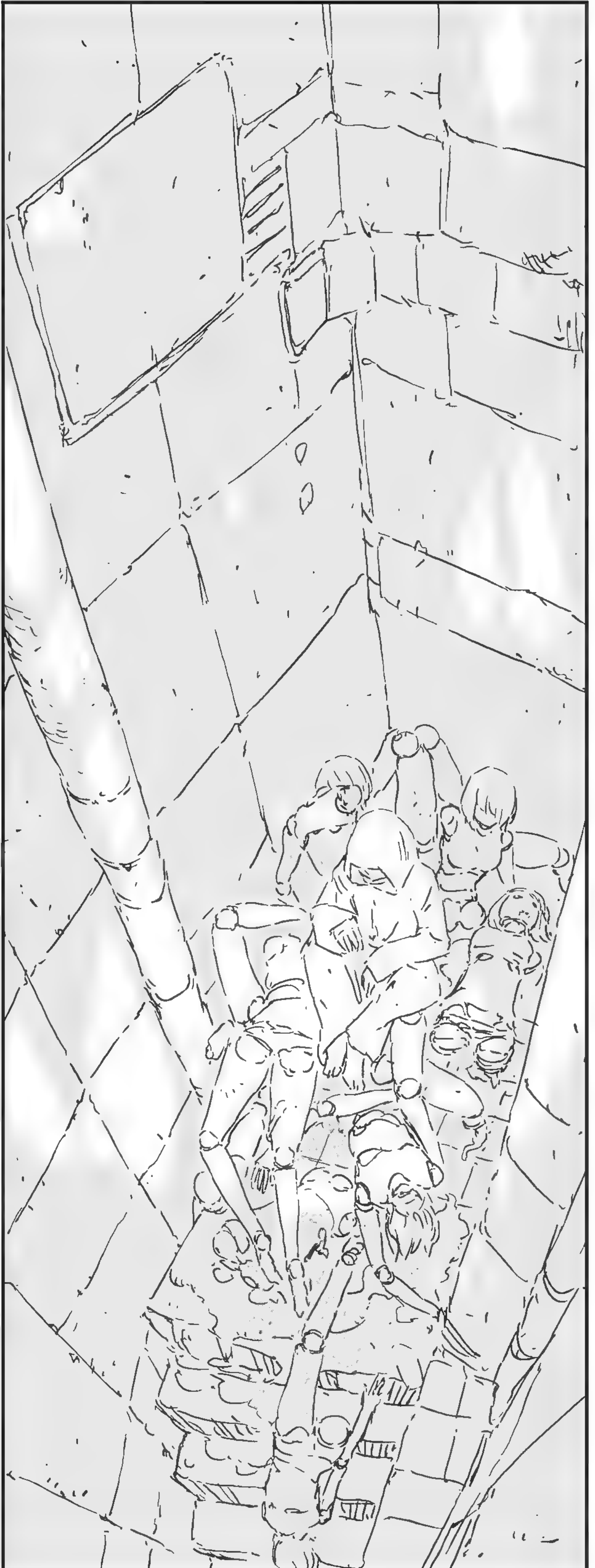
HE WILL
KILL JATE AND
THE OTHERS
AND STEAL
THEIR SHIP,

ETHEROW
HAS
ACQUIRED
COMPLETE
ARMOR.



IT IS
GOING AS
I SAW IT
WOULD.





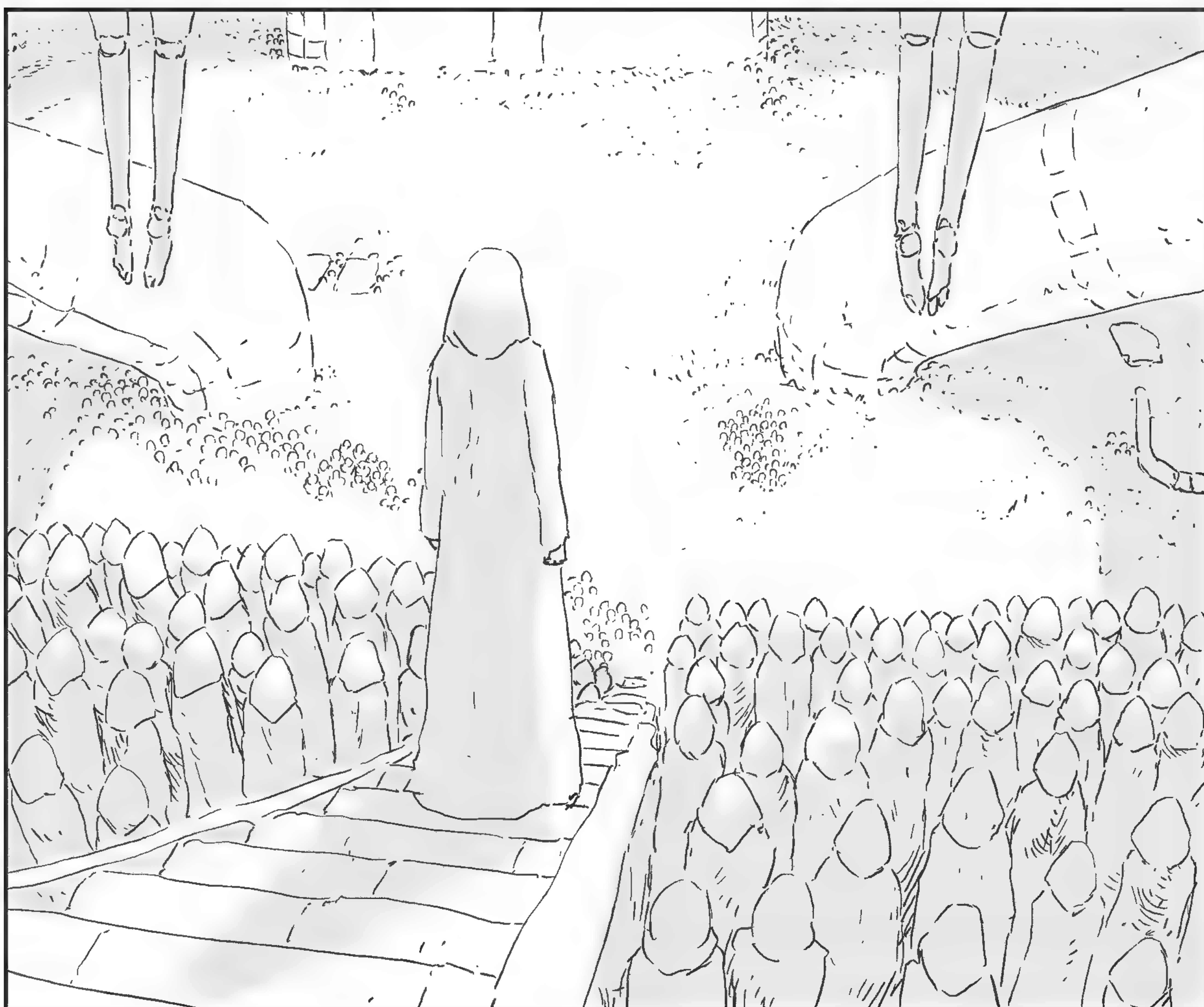
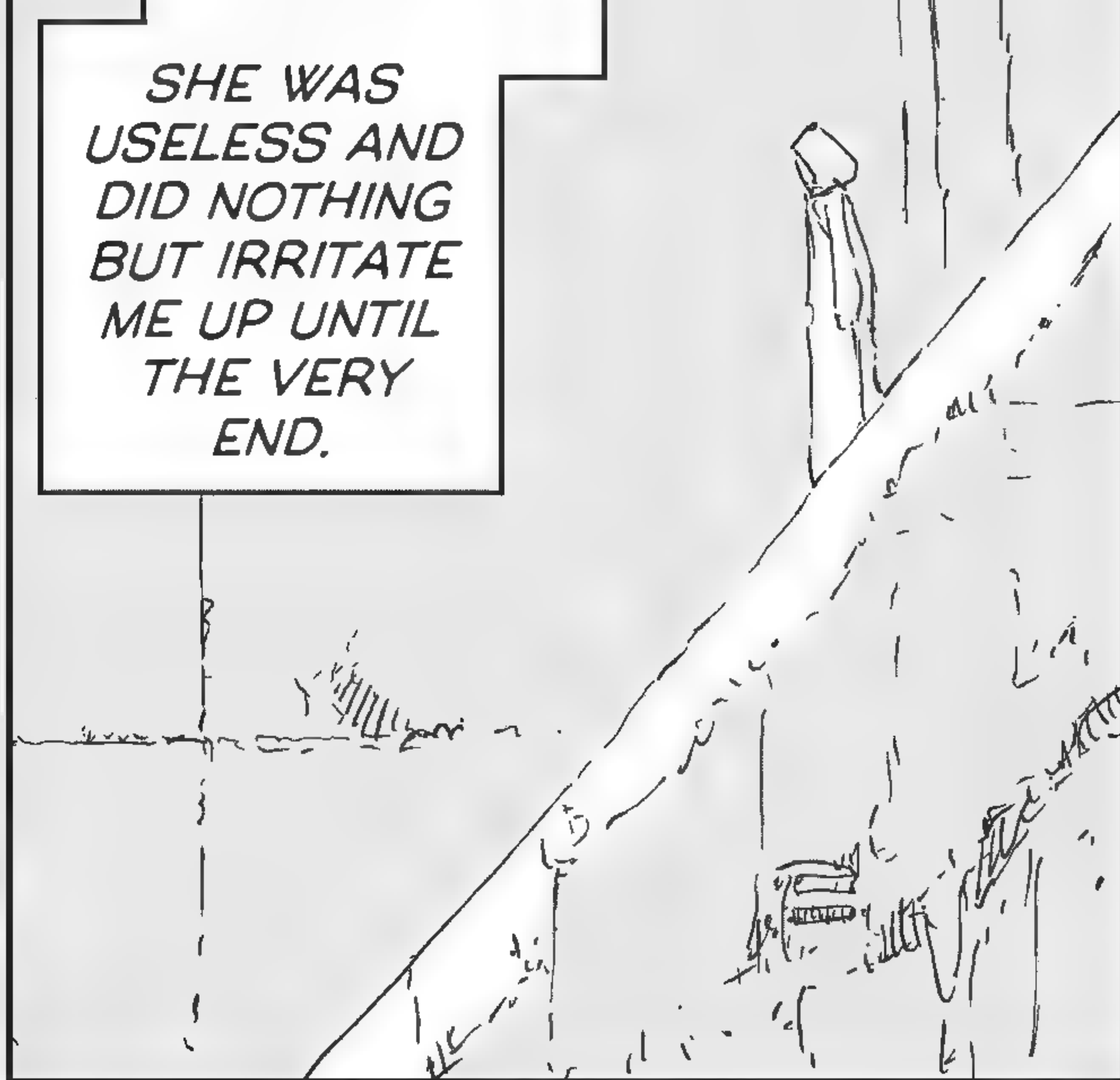
WHERE
YOU CAN
WATCH
WHAT I
DO NEXT.

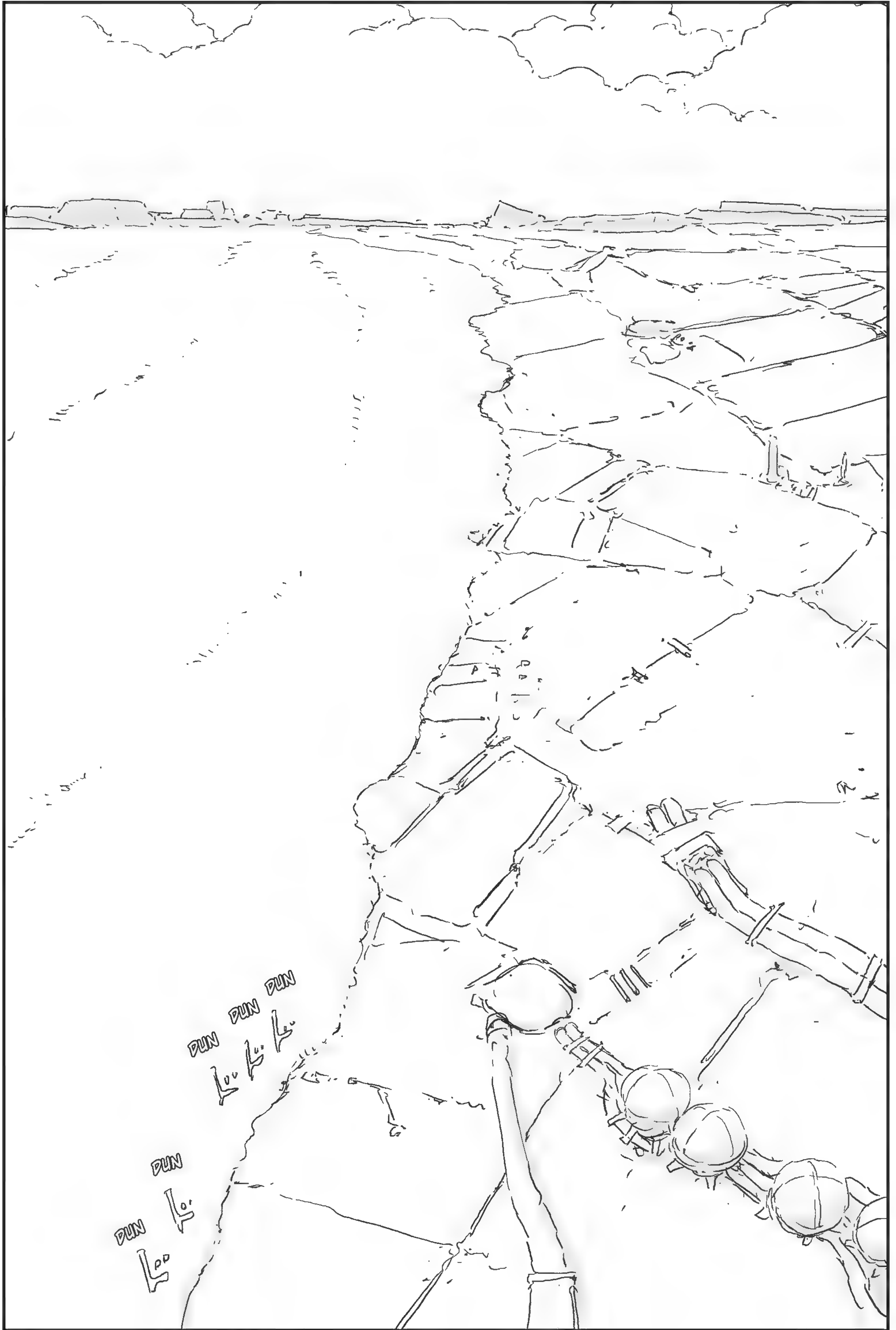
MAY YOU
SINK TO
THE VERY
DEPTHS OF
HELL

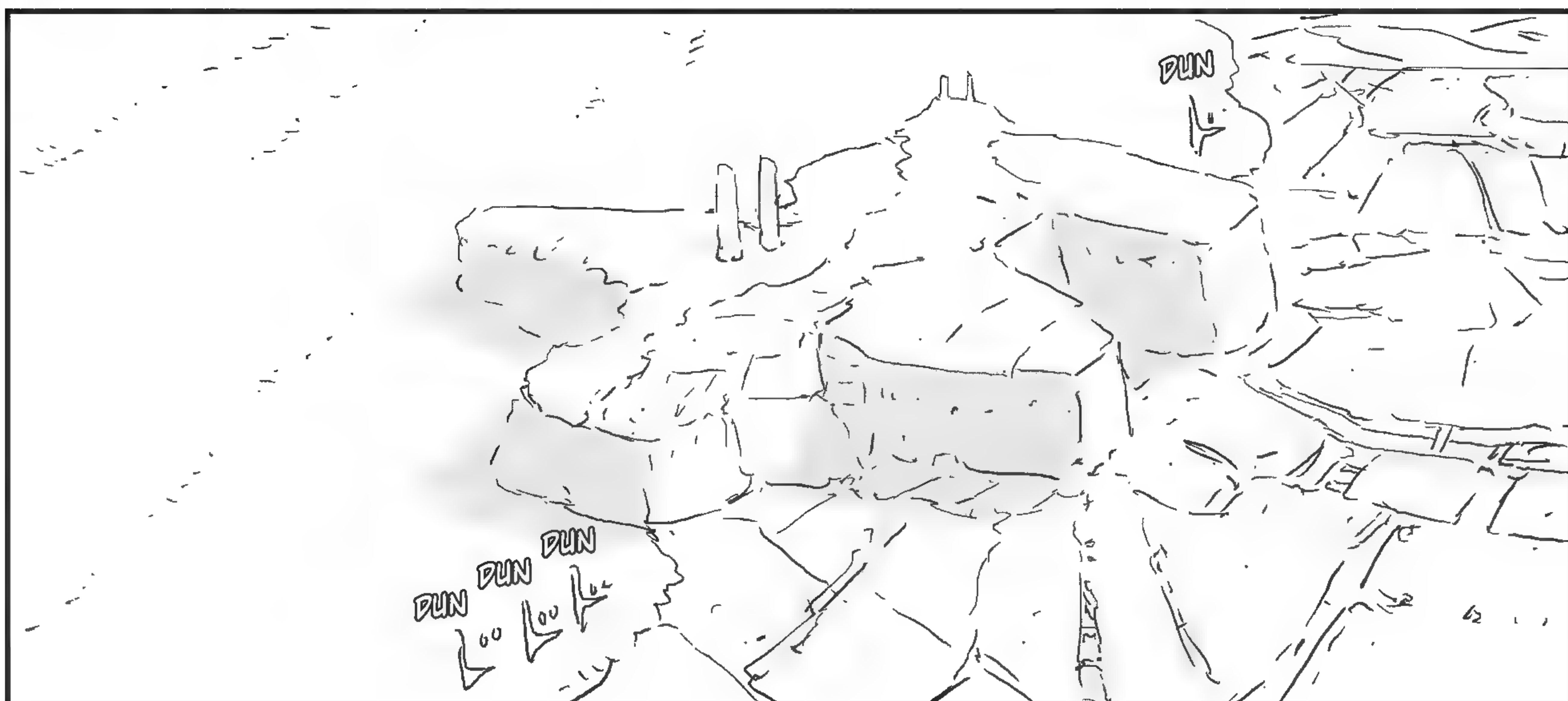
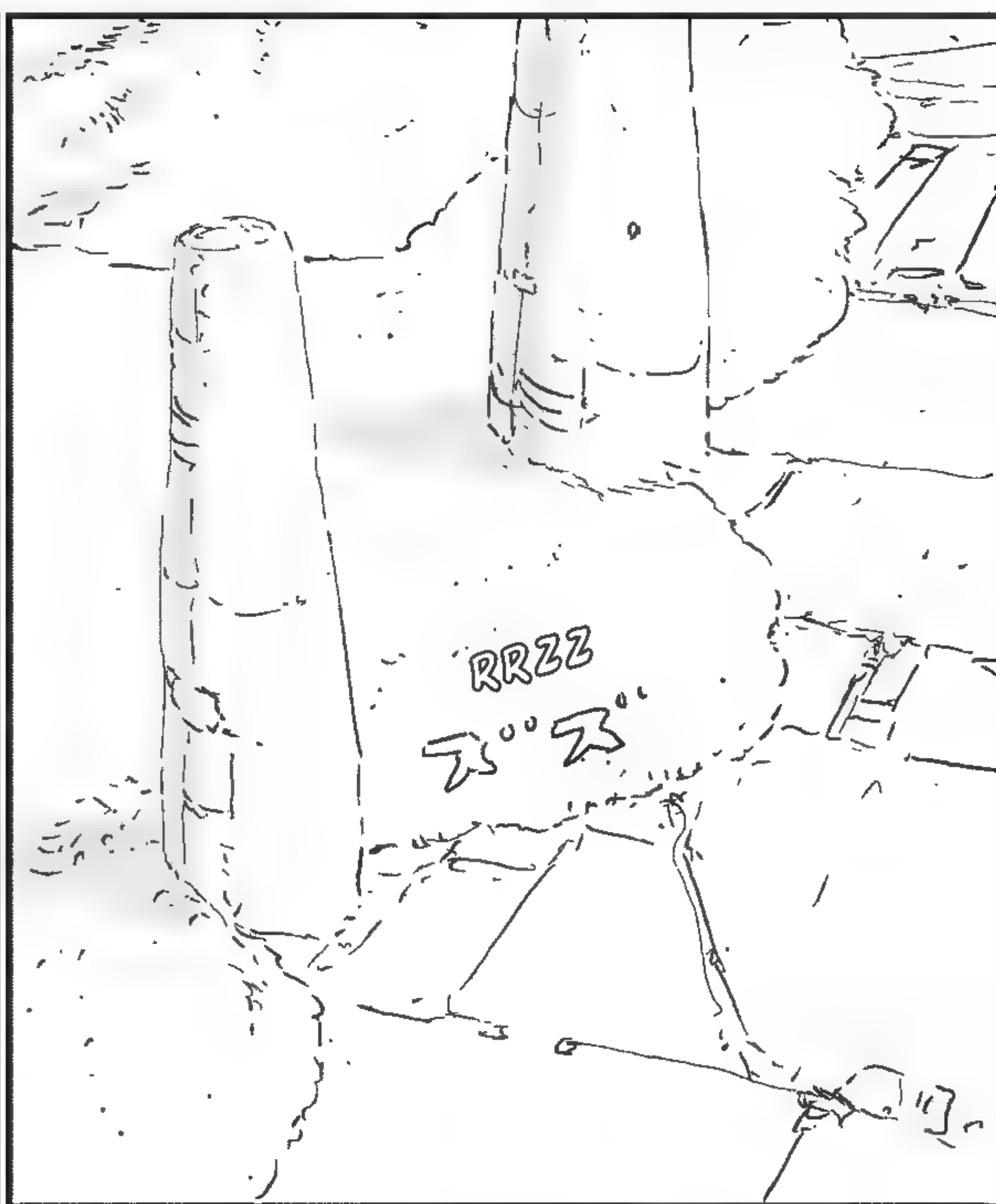
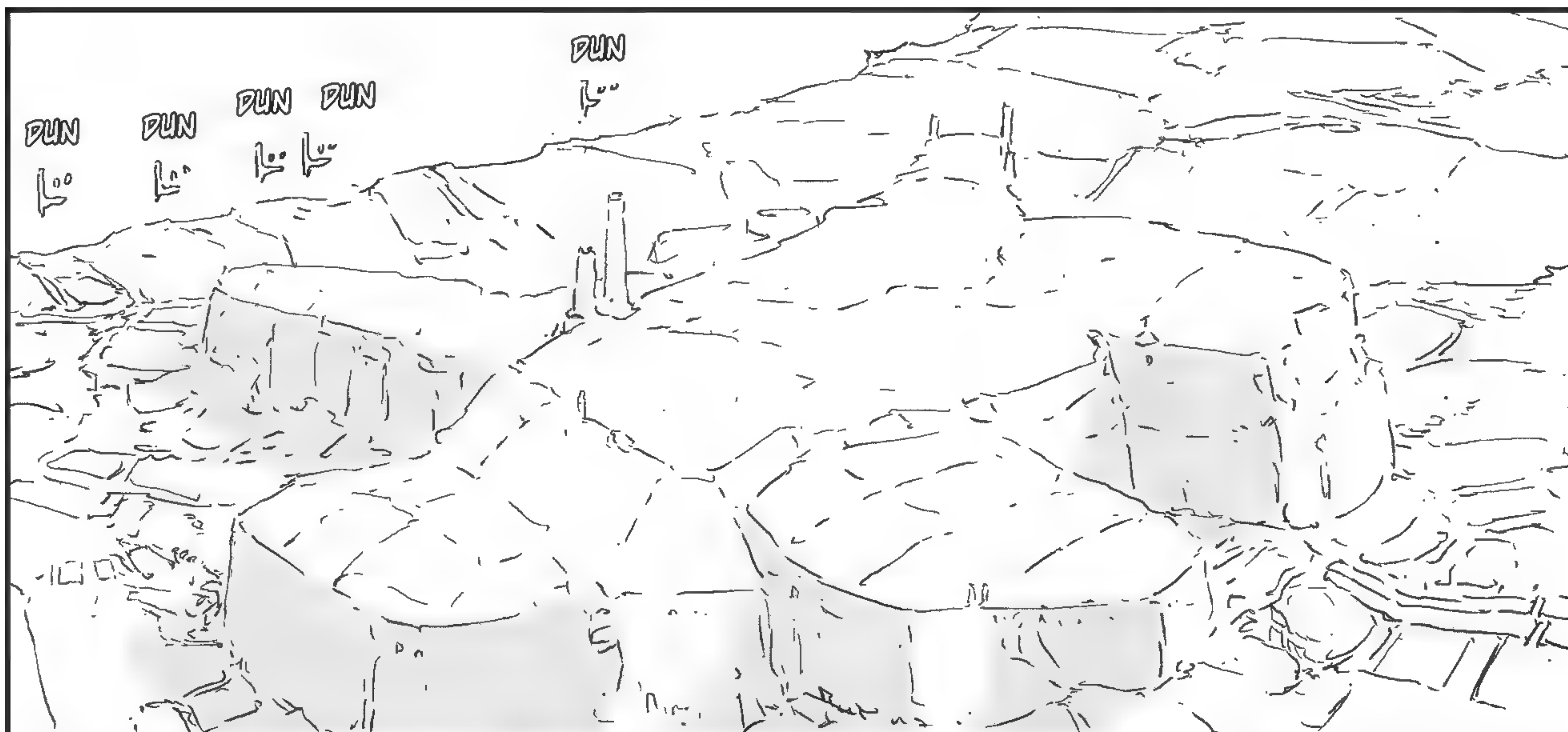


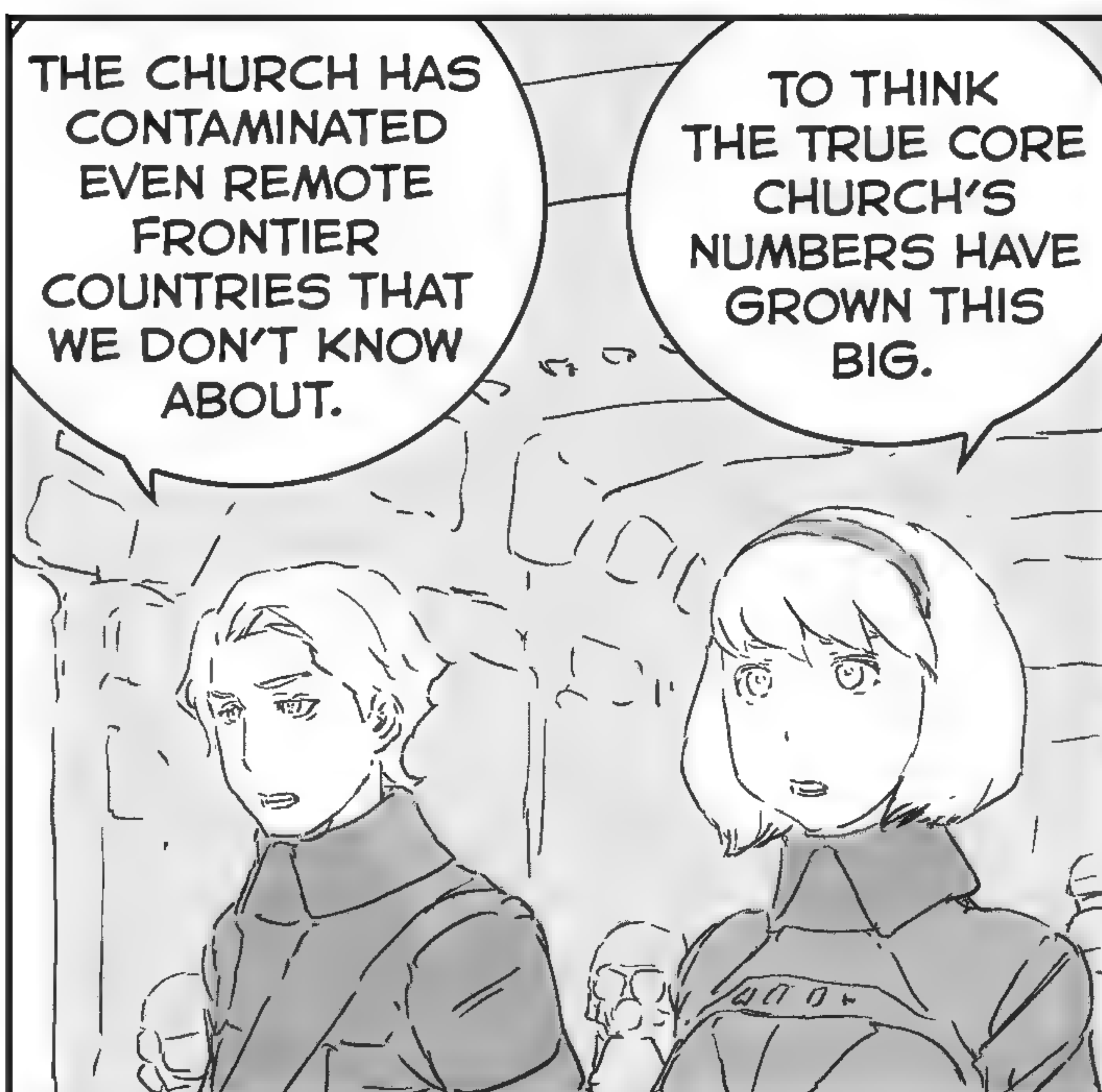
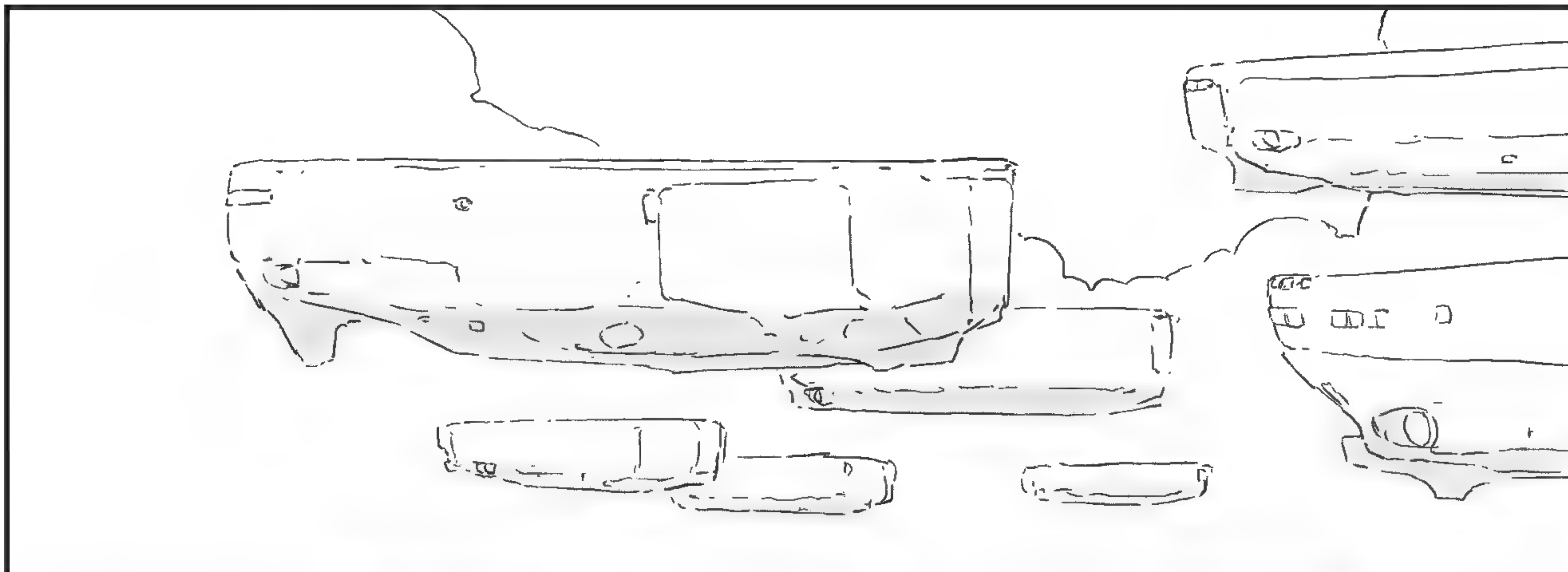
NOW, OF
ALL TIMES,
WHAT
WAS SHE
DOING?

SHE WAS
USELESS AND
DID NOTHING
BUT IRRITATE
ME UP UNTIL
THE VERY
END.



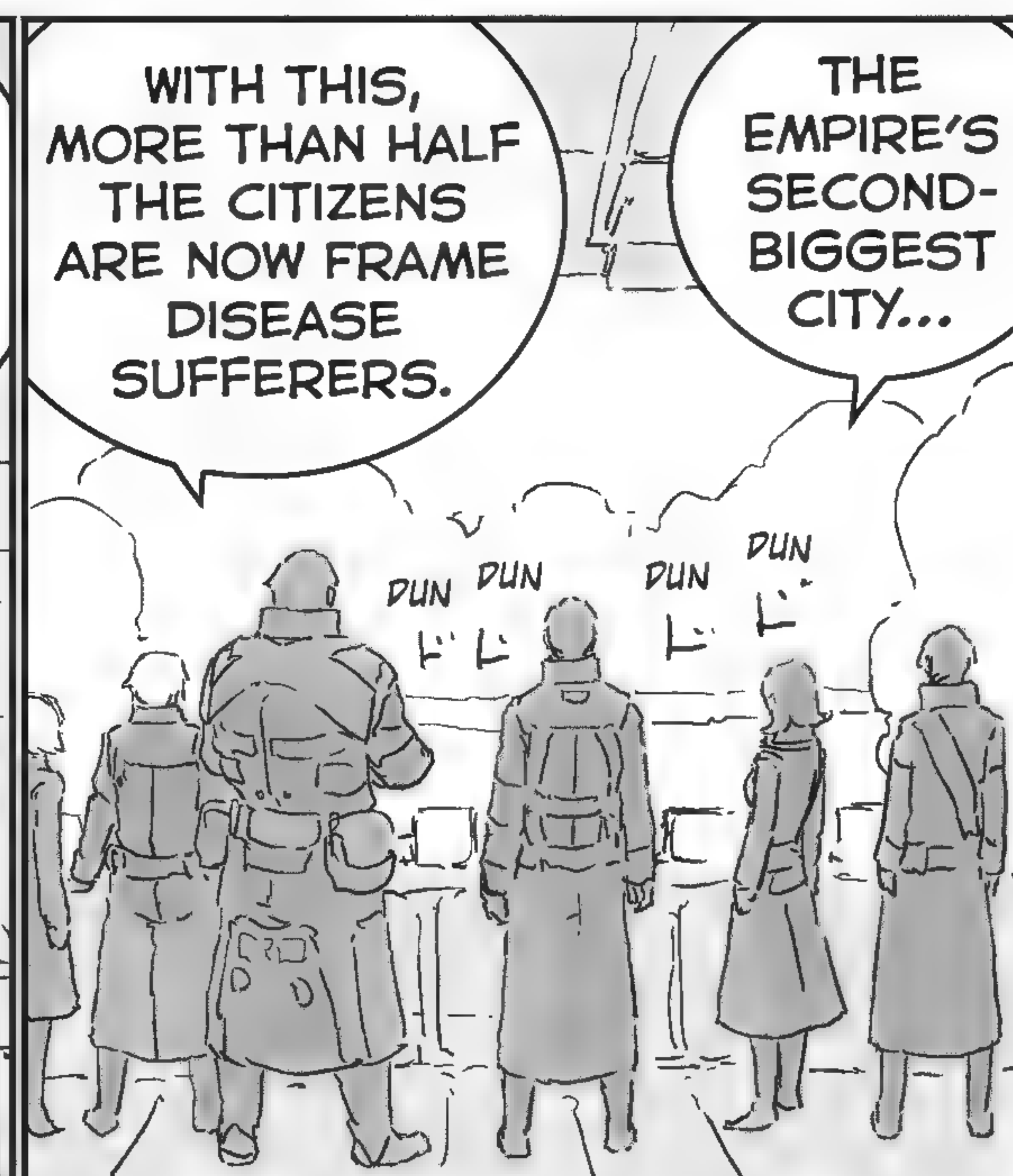






THE CHURCH HAS
CONTAMINATED
EVEN REMOTE
FRONTIER
COUNTRIES THAT
WE DON'T KNOW
ABOUT.

TO THINK
THE TRUE CORE
CHURCH'S
NUMBERS HAVE
GROWN THIS
BIG.

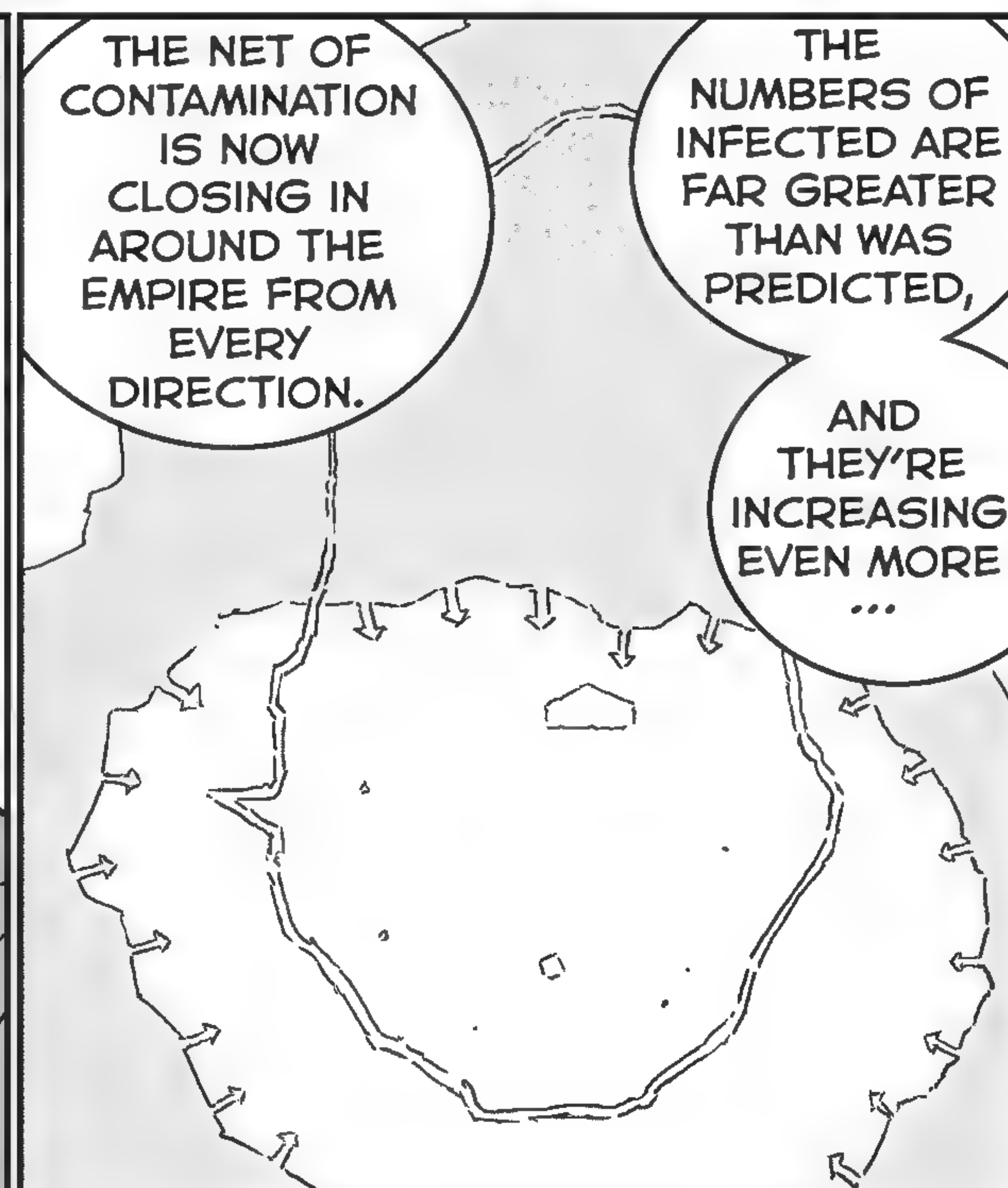


WITH THIS,
MORE THAN HALF
THE CITIZENS
ARE NOW FRAME
DISEASE
SUFFERERS.

THE
EMPIRE'S
SECOND-
BIGGEST
CITY...



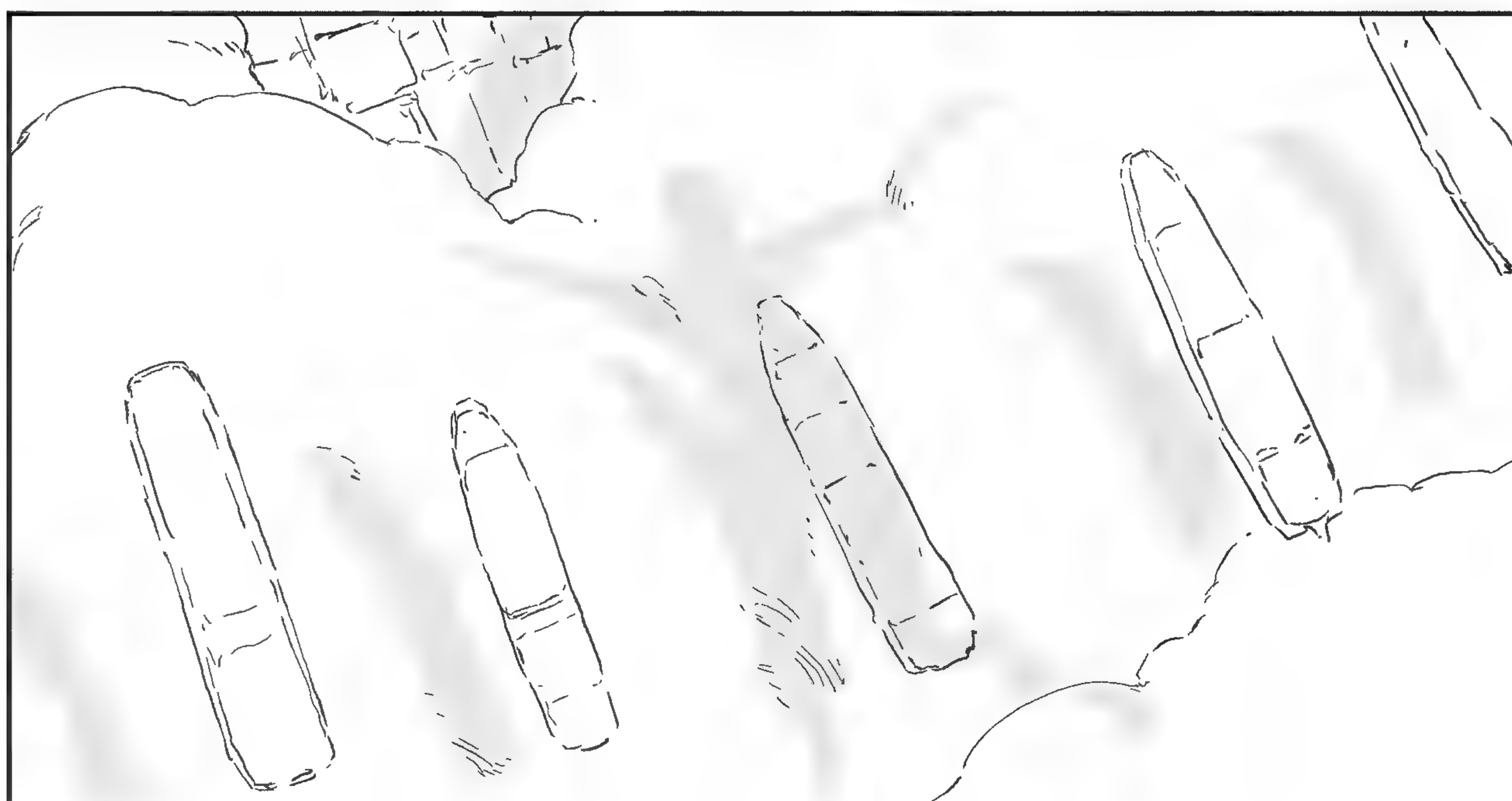
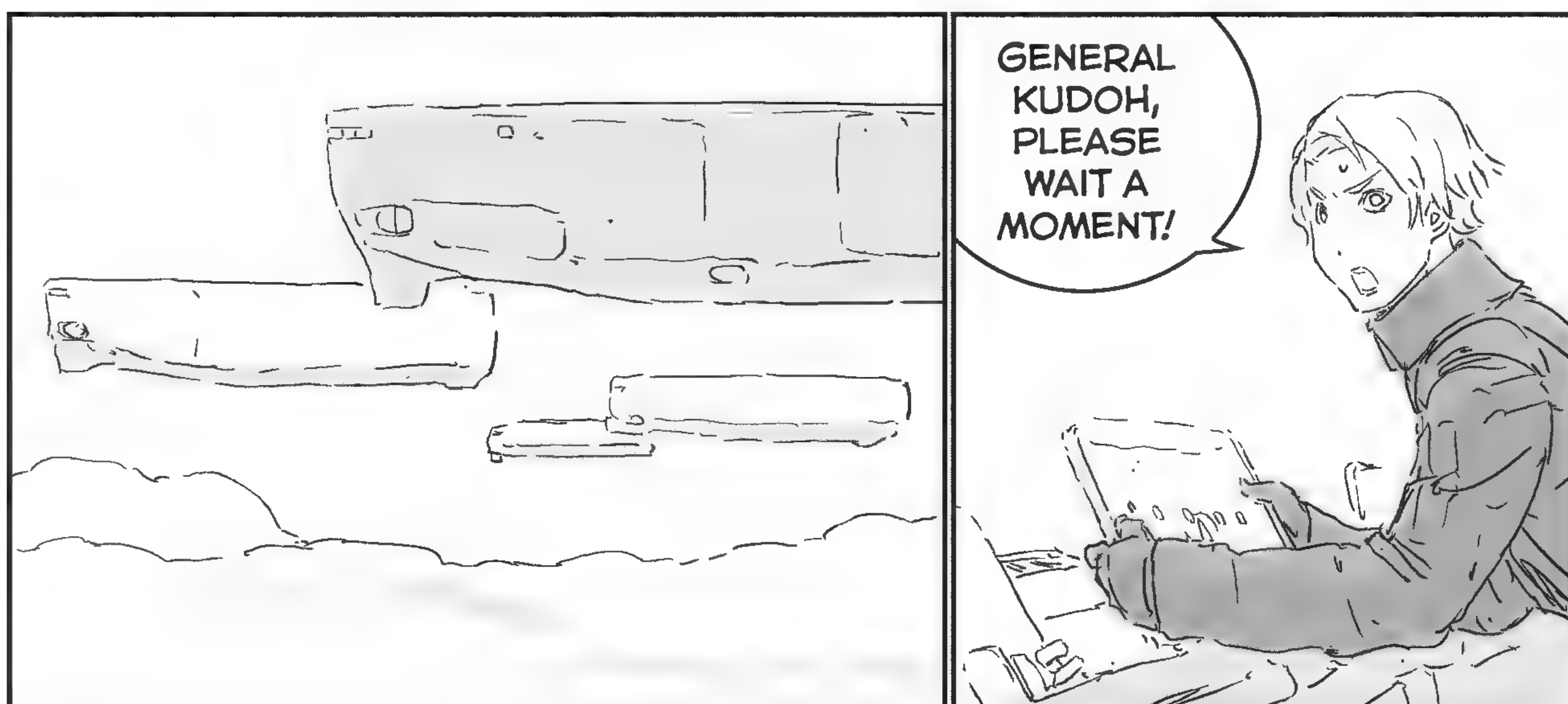
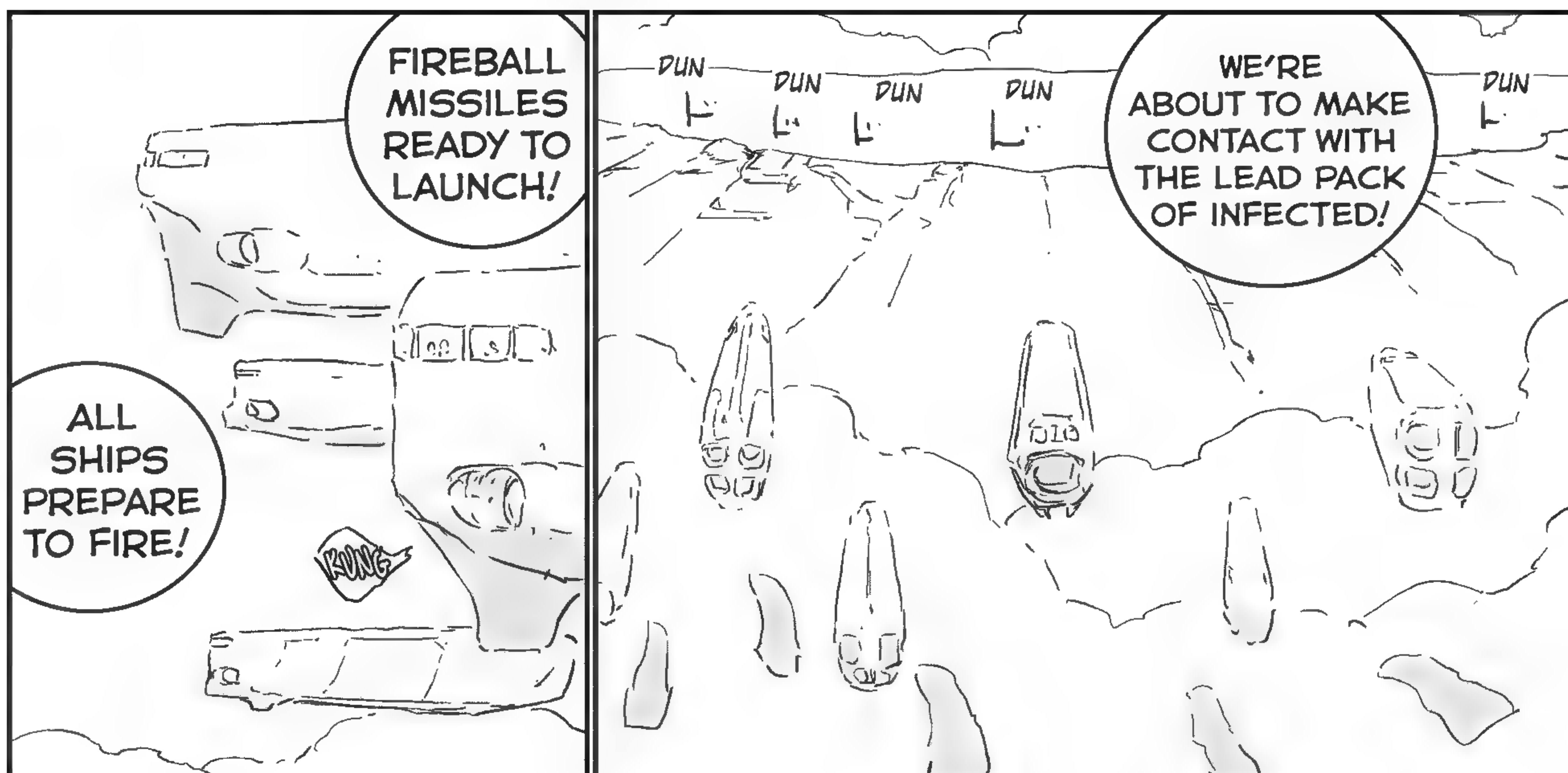
WE ABSOLUTELY
MUST PUT A
STOP TO THE
INVASION FROM
THE NORTH
RIGHT HERE.

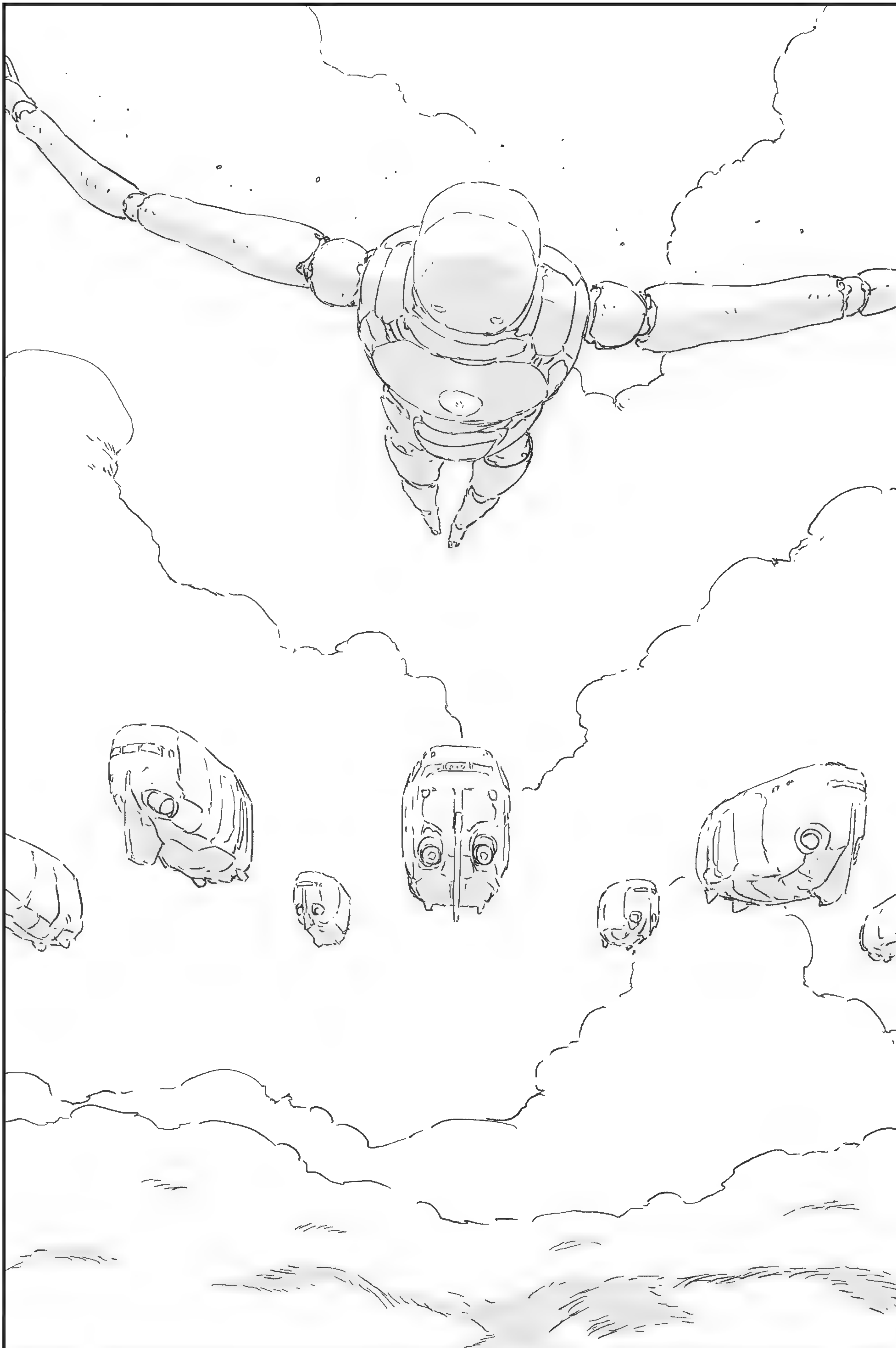


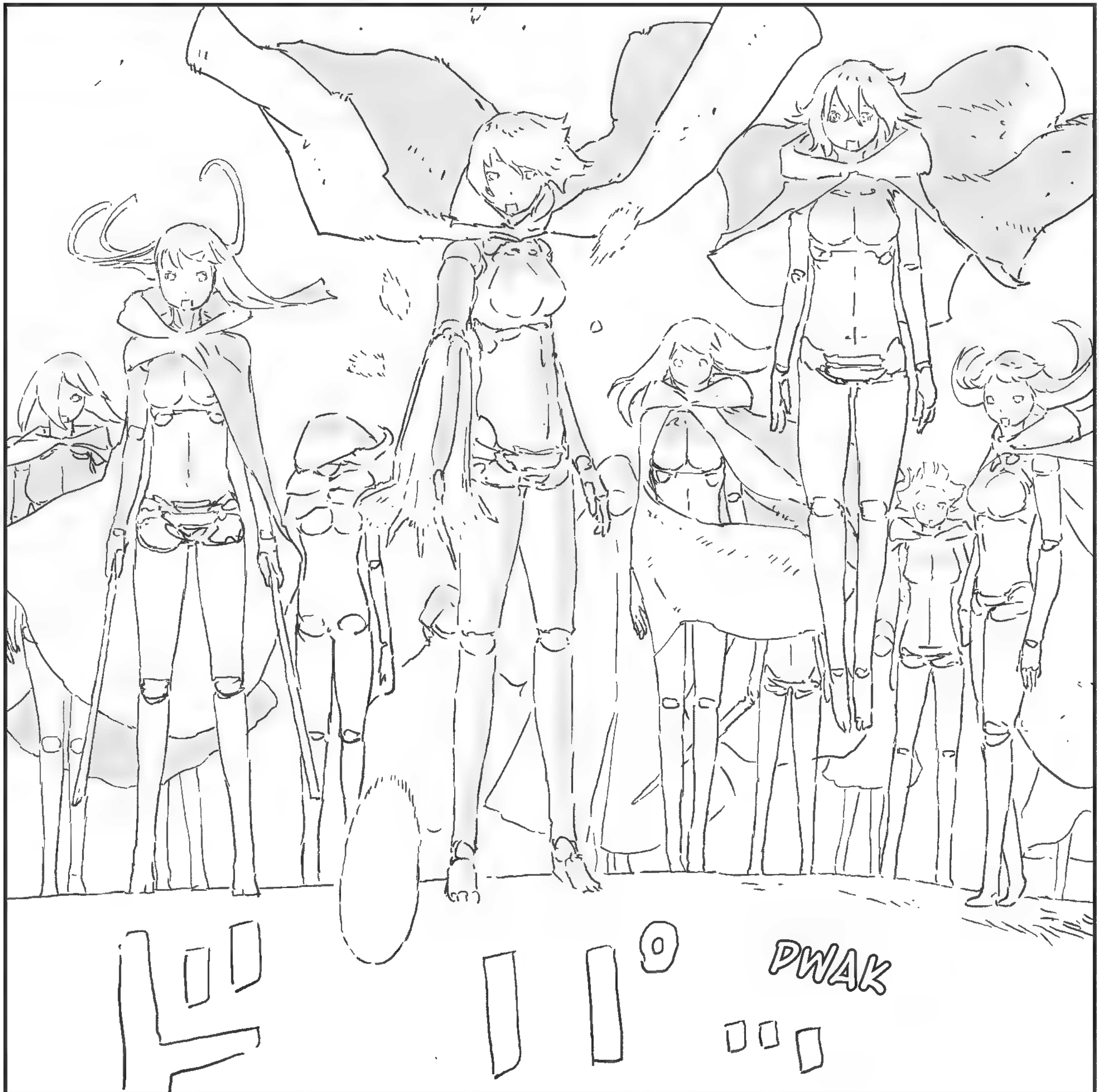
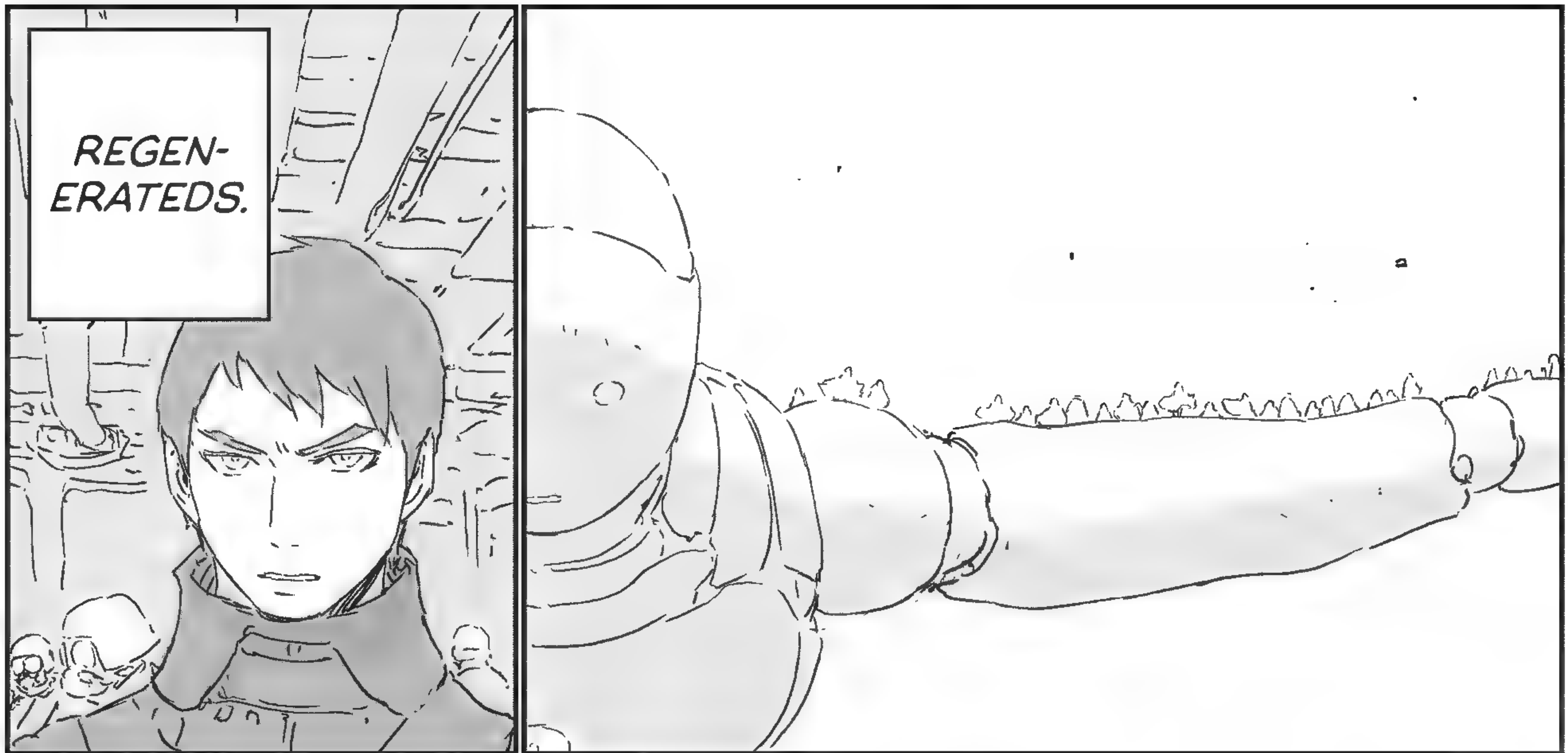
THE NET OF
CONTAMINATION
IS NOW
CLOSING IN
AROUND THE
EMPIRE FROM
EVERY
DIRECTION.

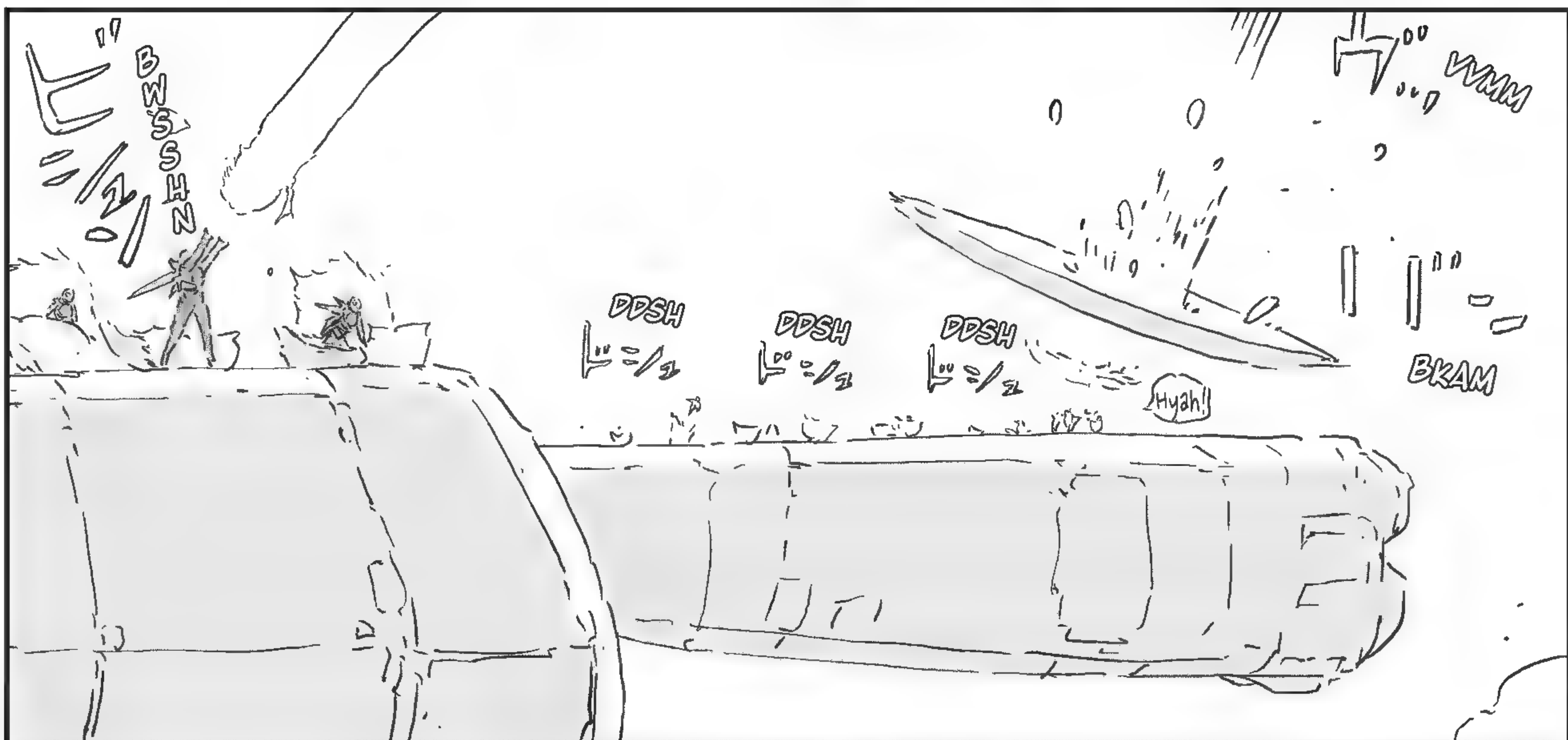
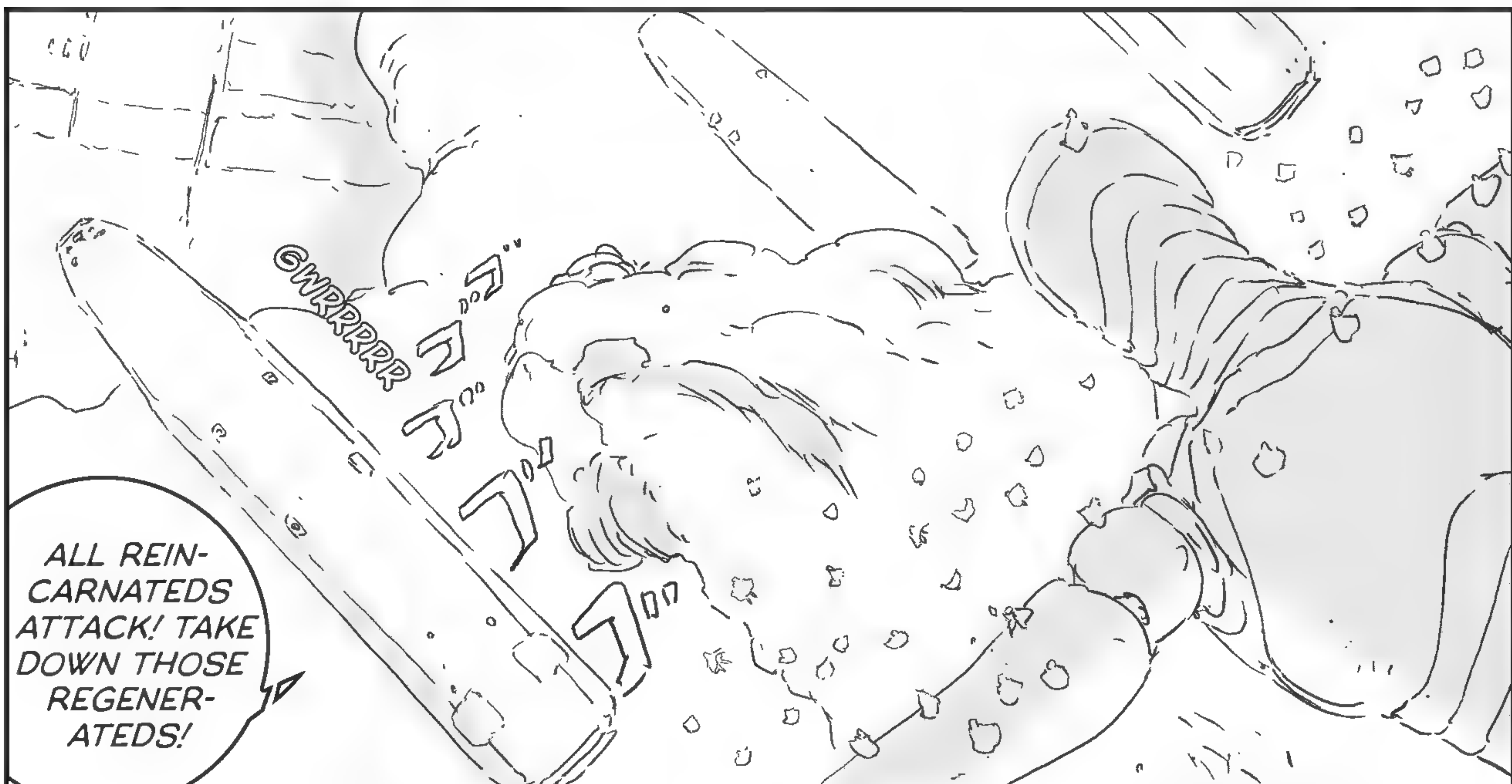
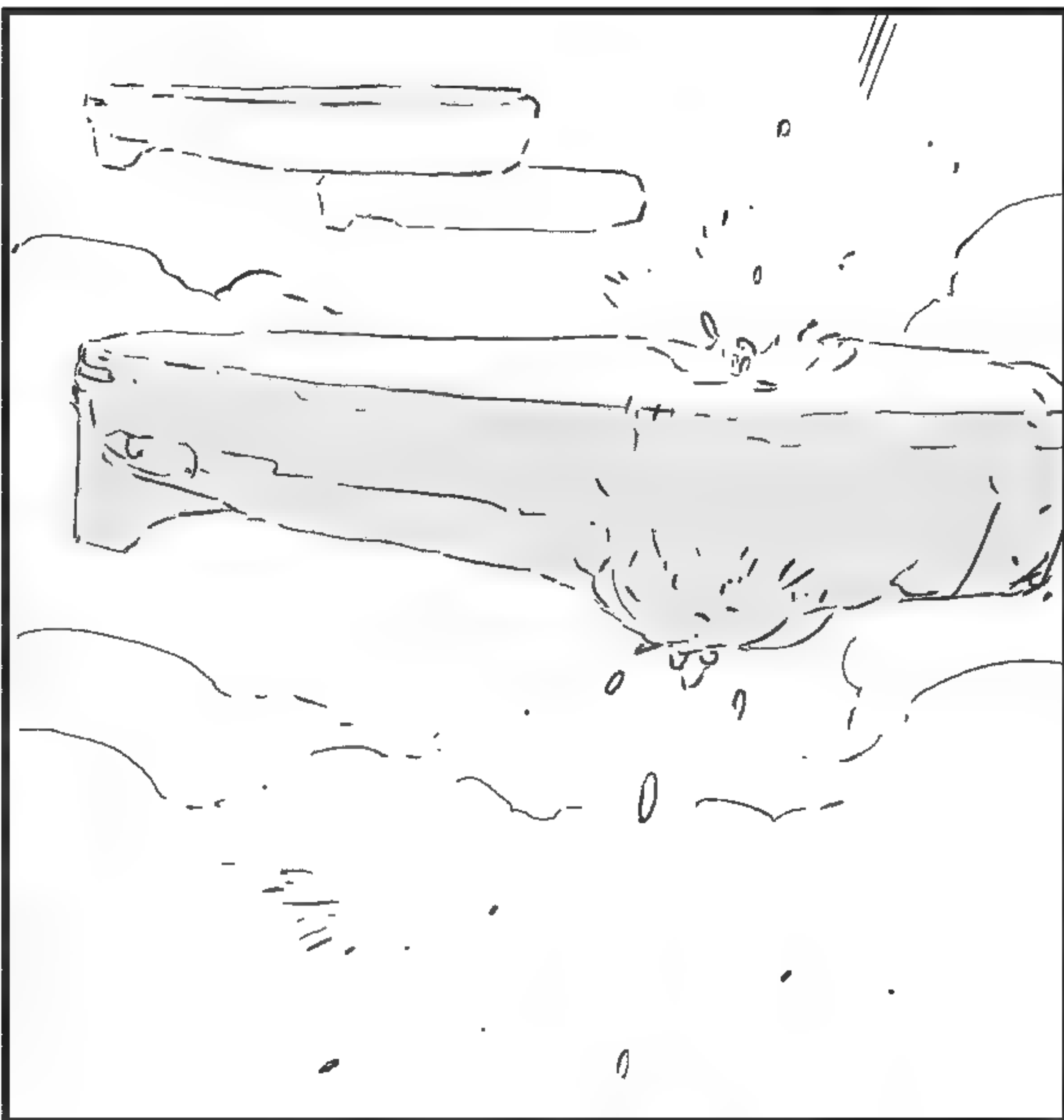
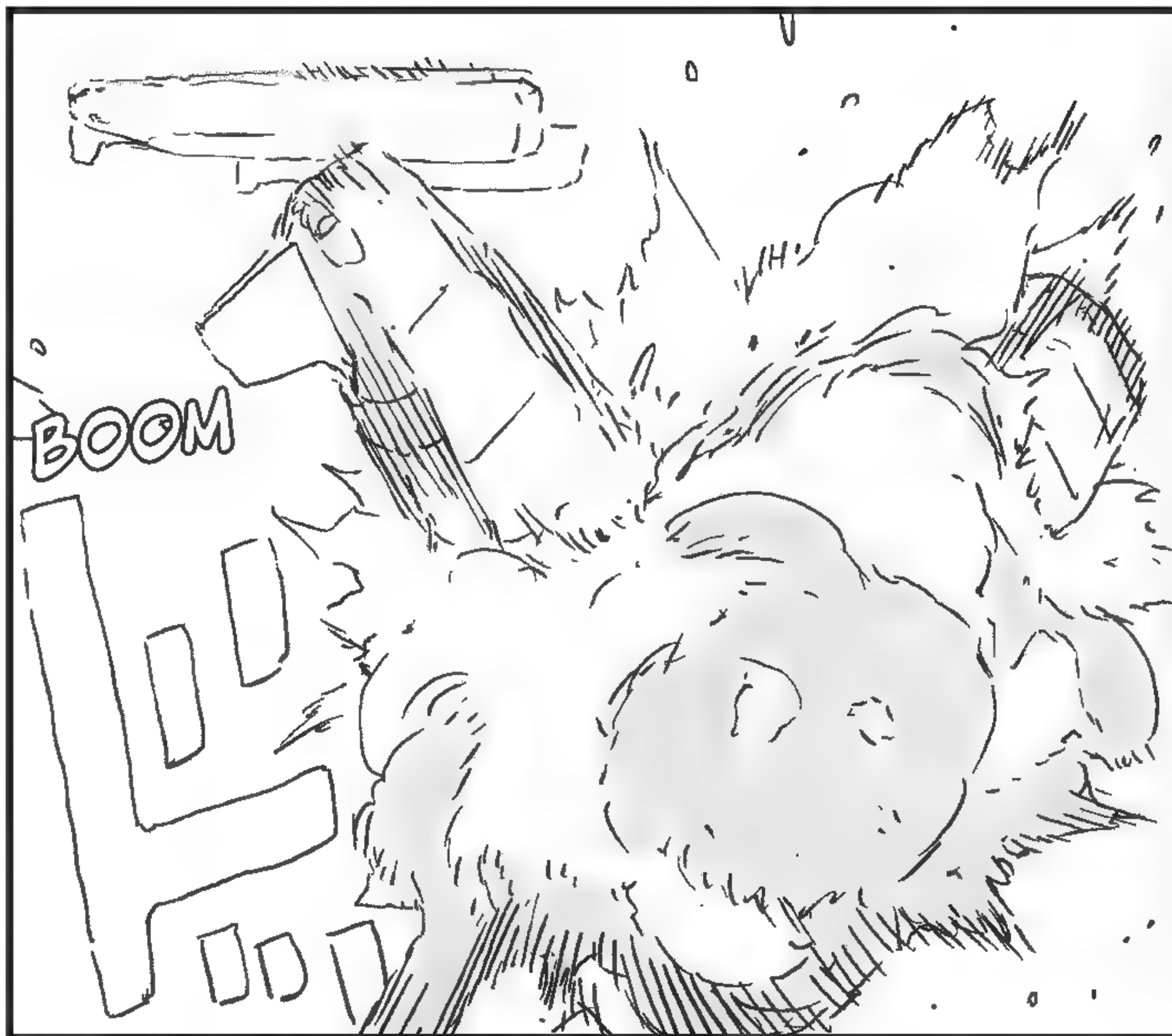
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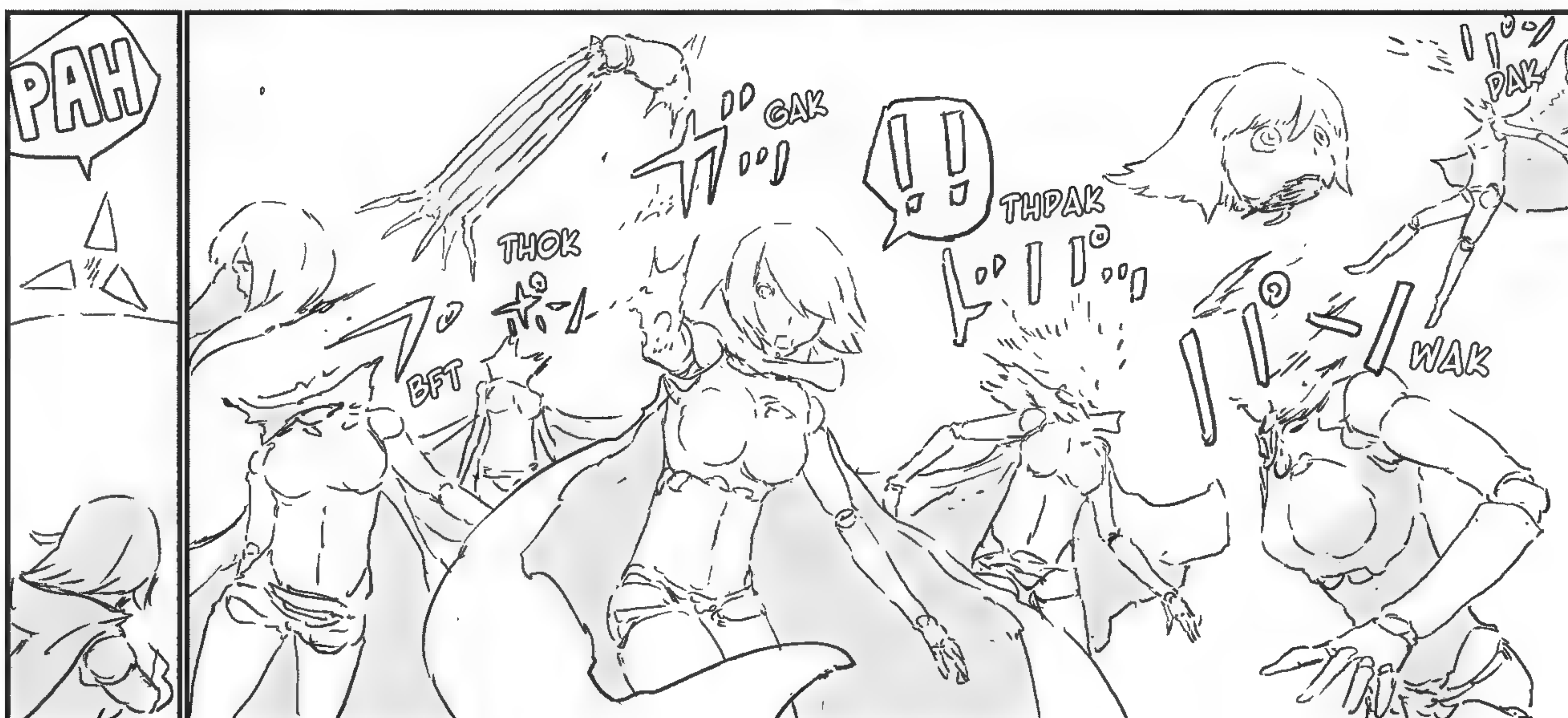
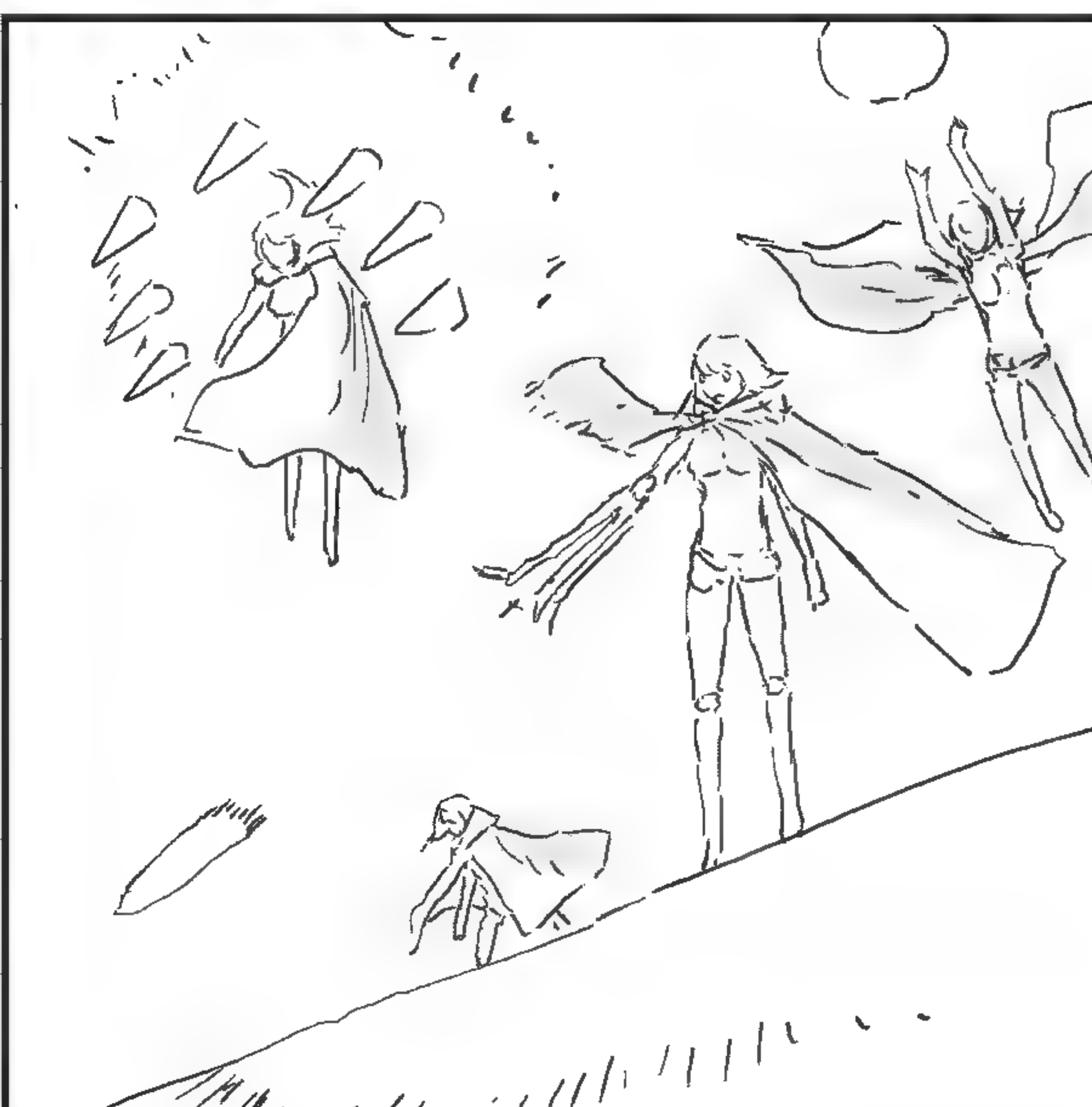
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EVEN MORE
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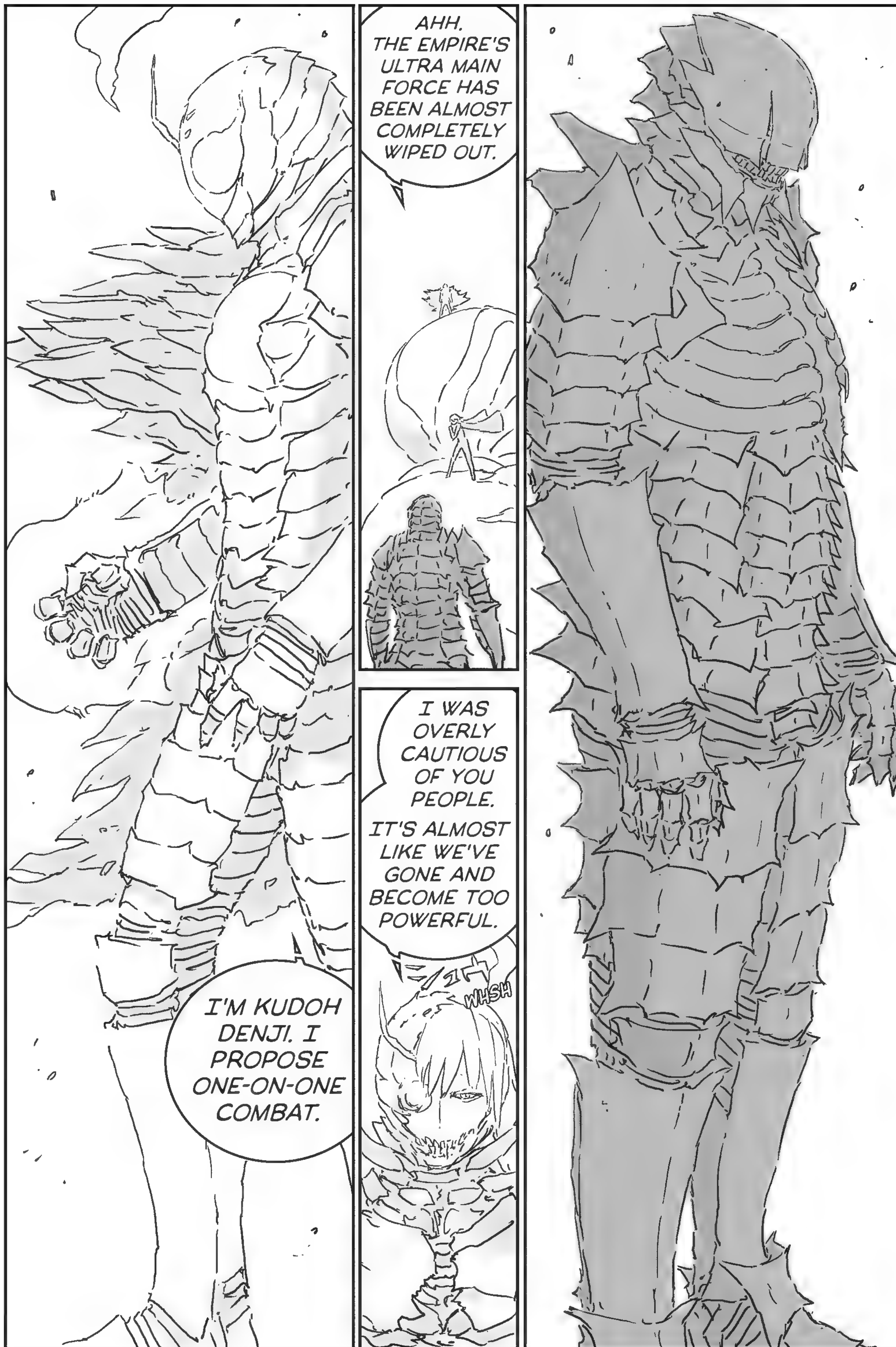












AHH.
THE EMPIRE'S
ULTRA MAIN
FORCE HAS
BEEN ALMOST
COMPLETELY
WIPED OUT.

I WAS
OVERLY
CAUTIOUS
OF YOU
PEOPLE.
IT'S ALMOST
LIKE WE'VE
GONE AND
BECOME TOO
POWERFUL.

I'M KUDOH
DENJI. I
PROPOSE
ONE-ON-ONE
COMBAT.

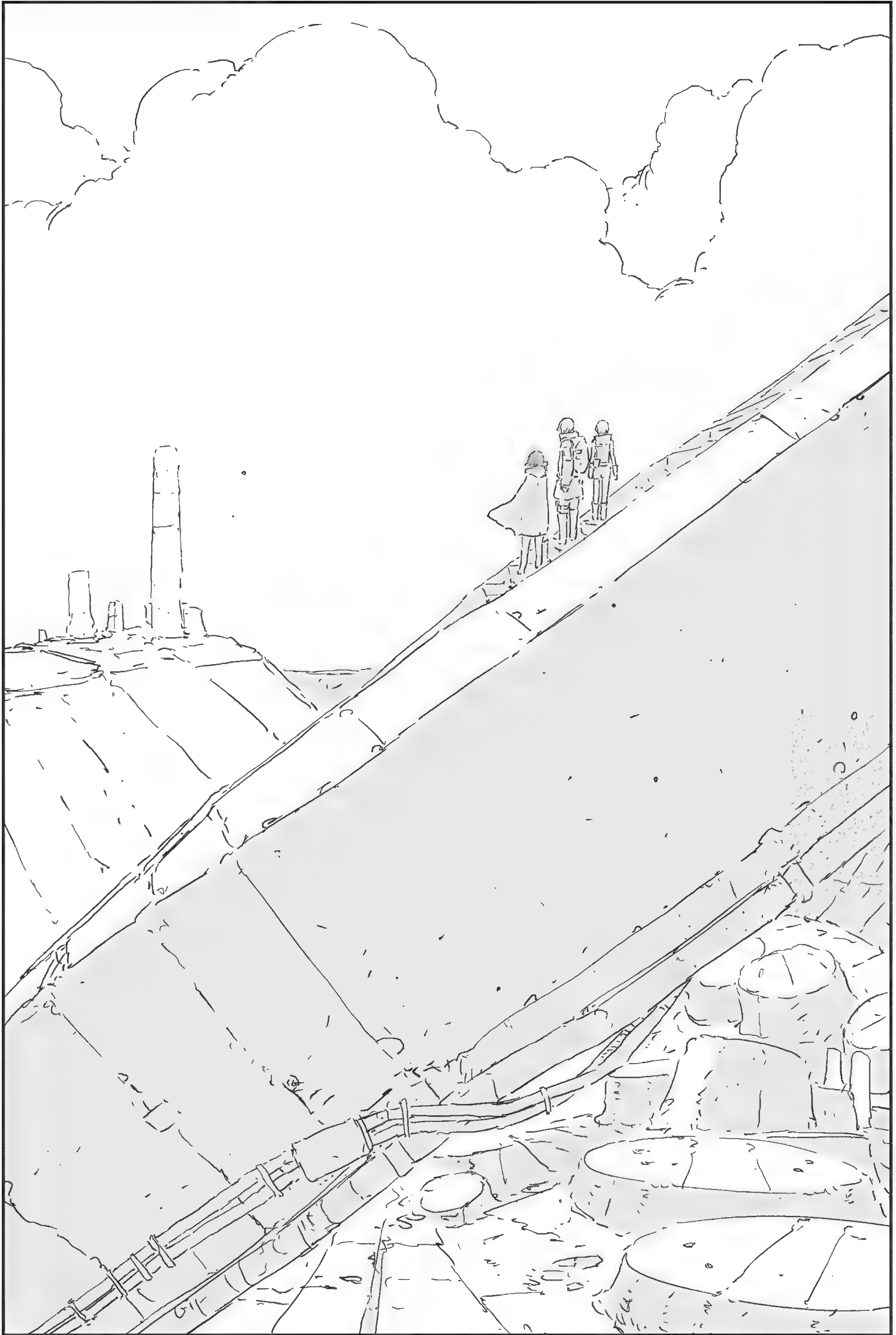


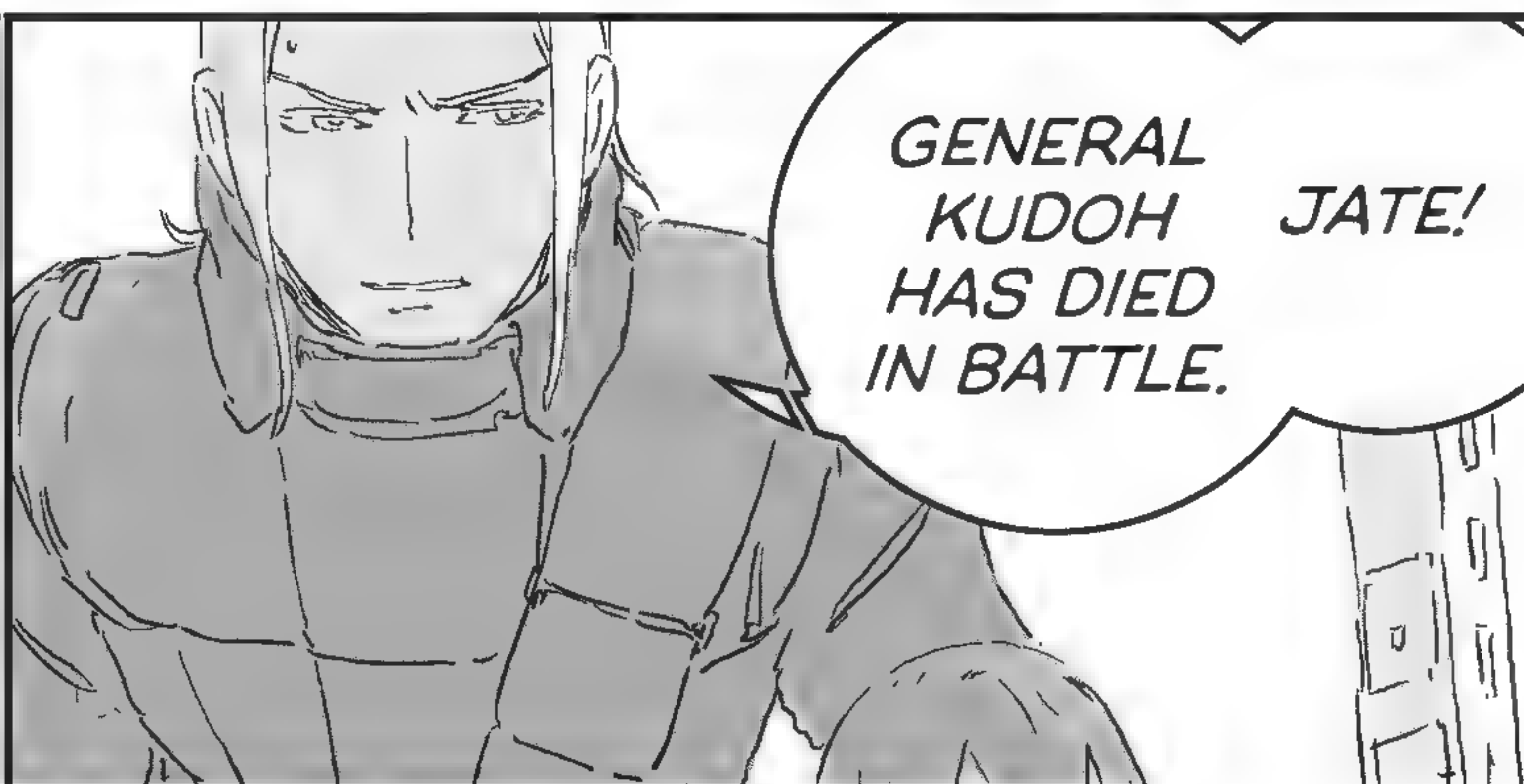
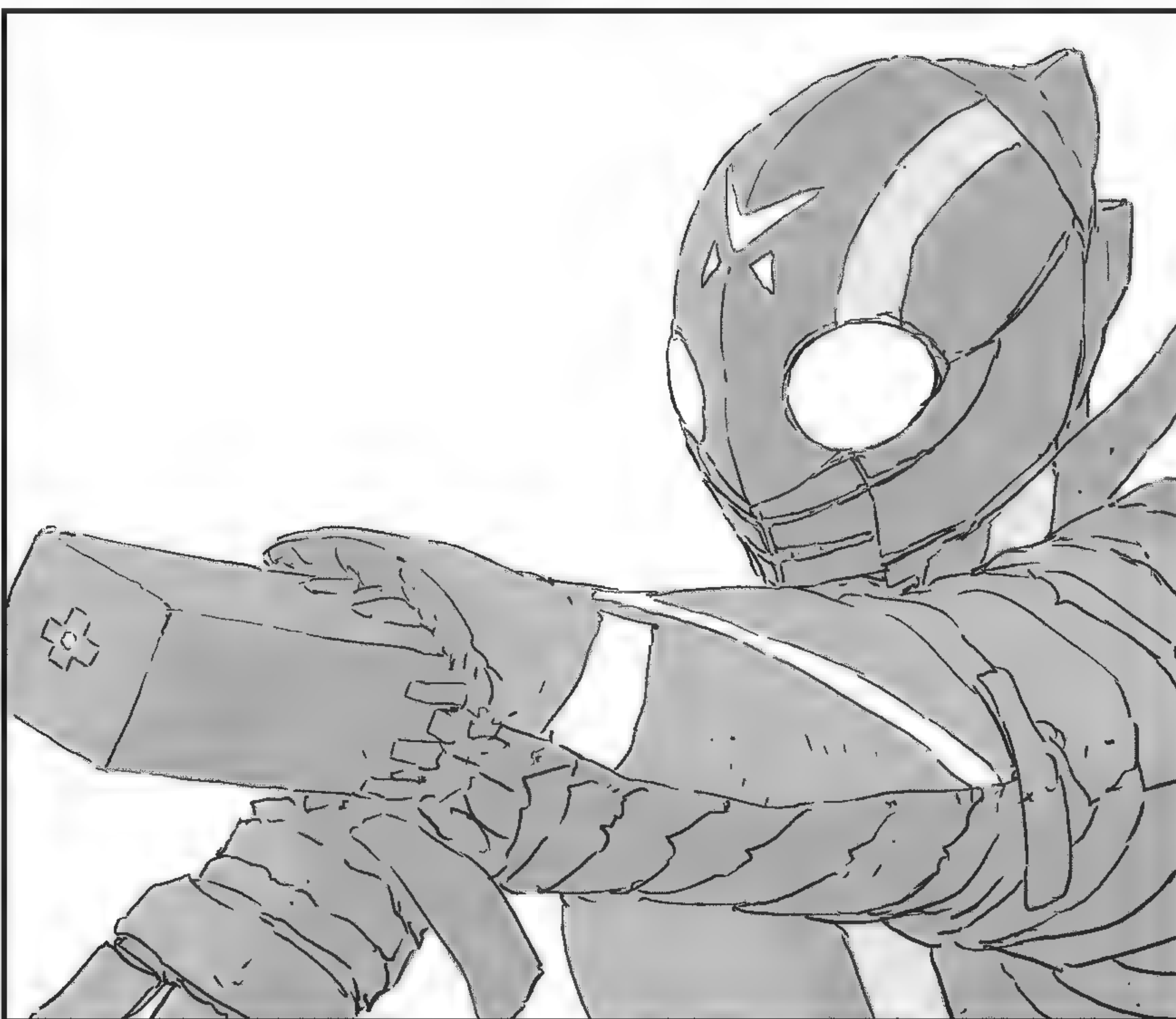
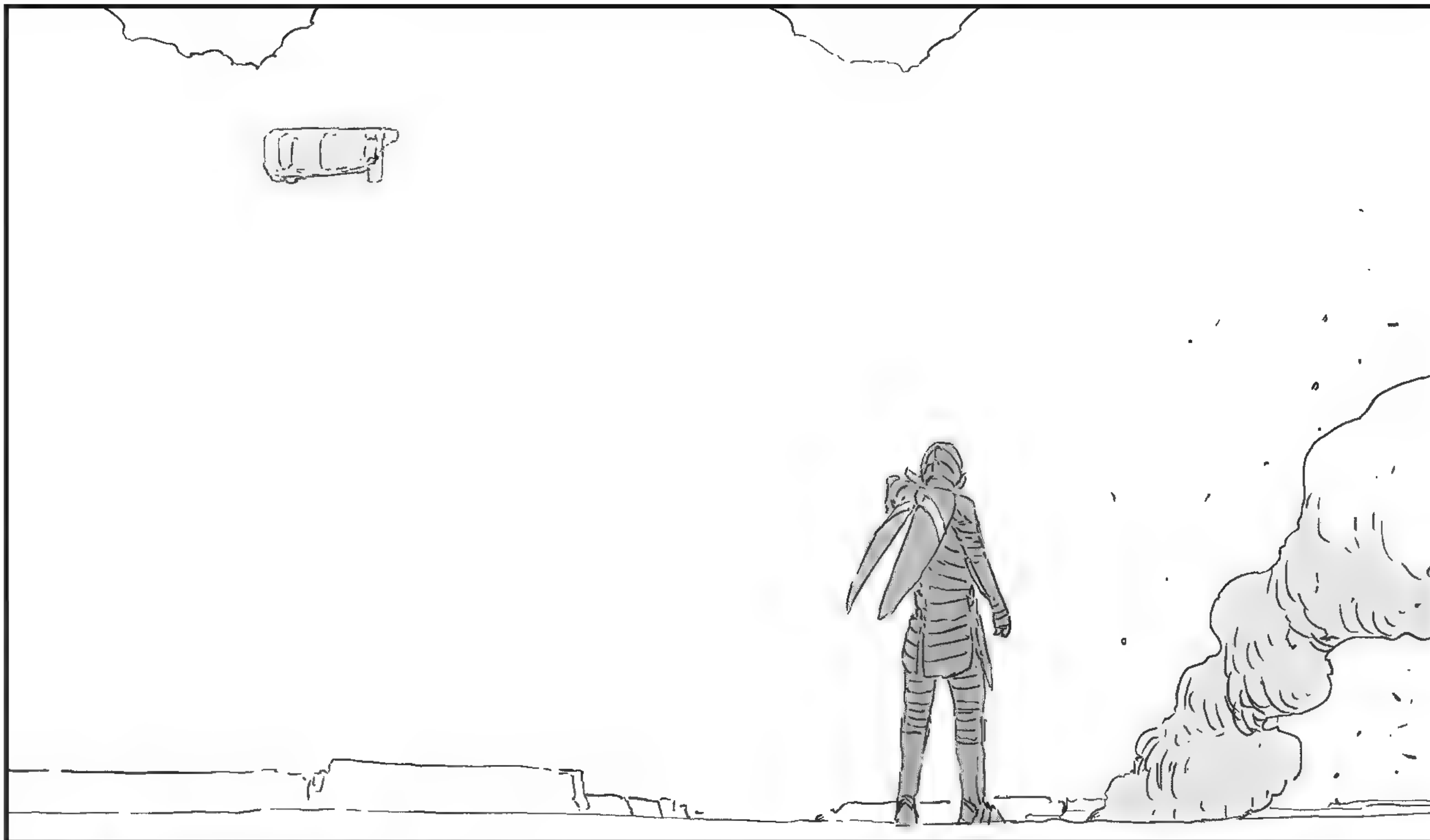
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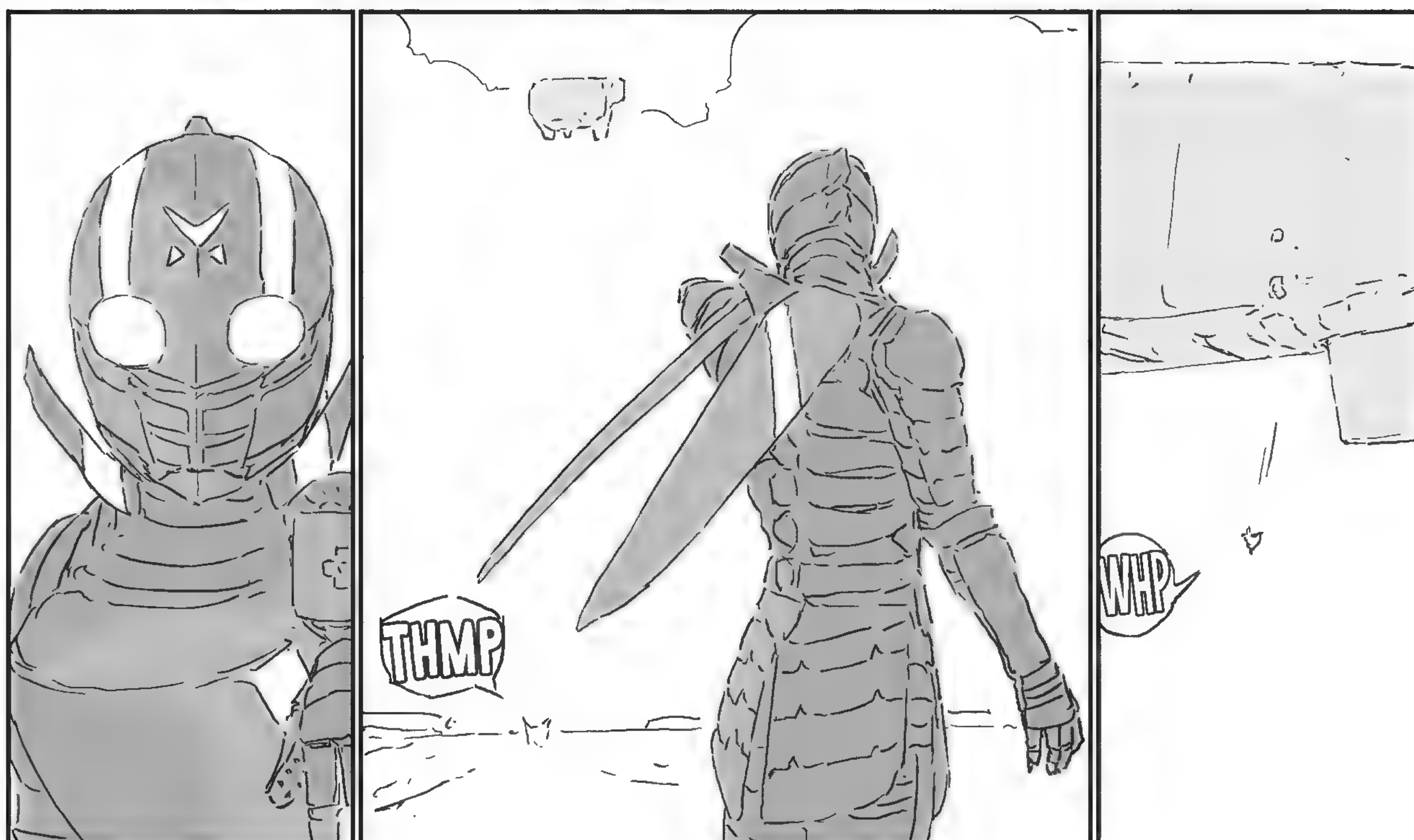
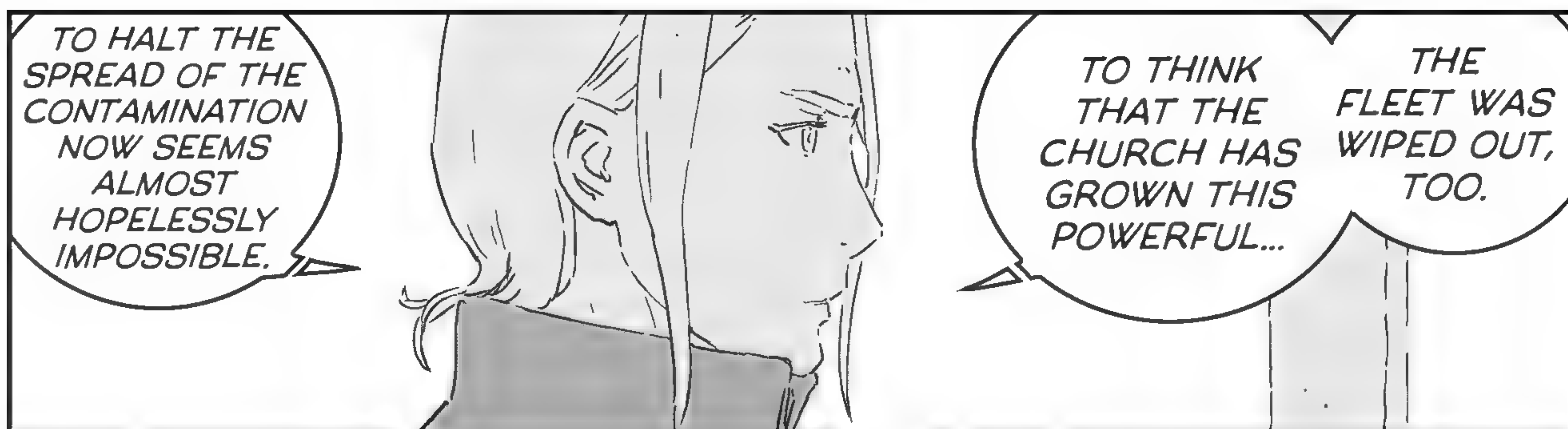
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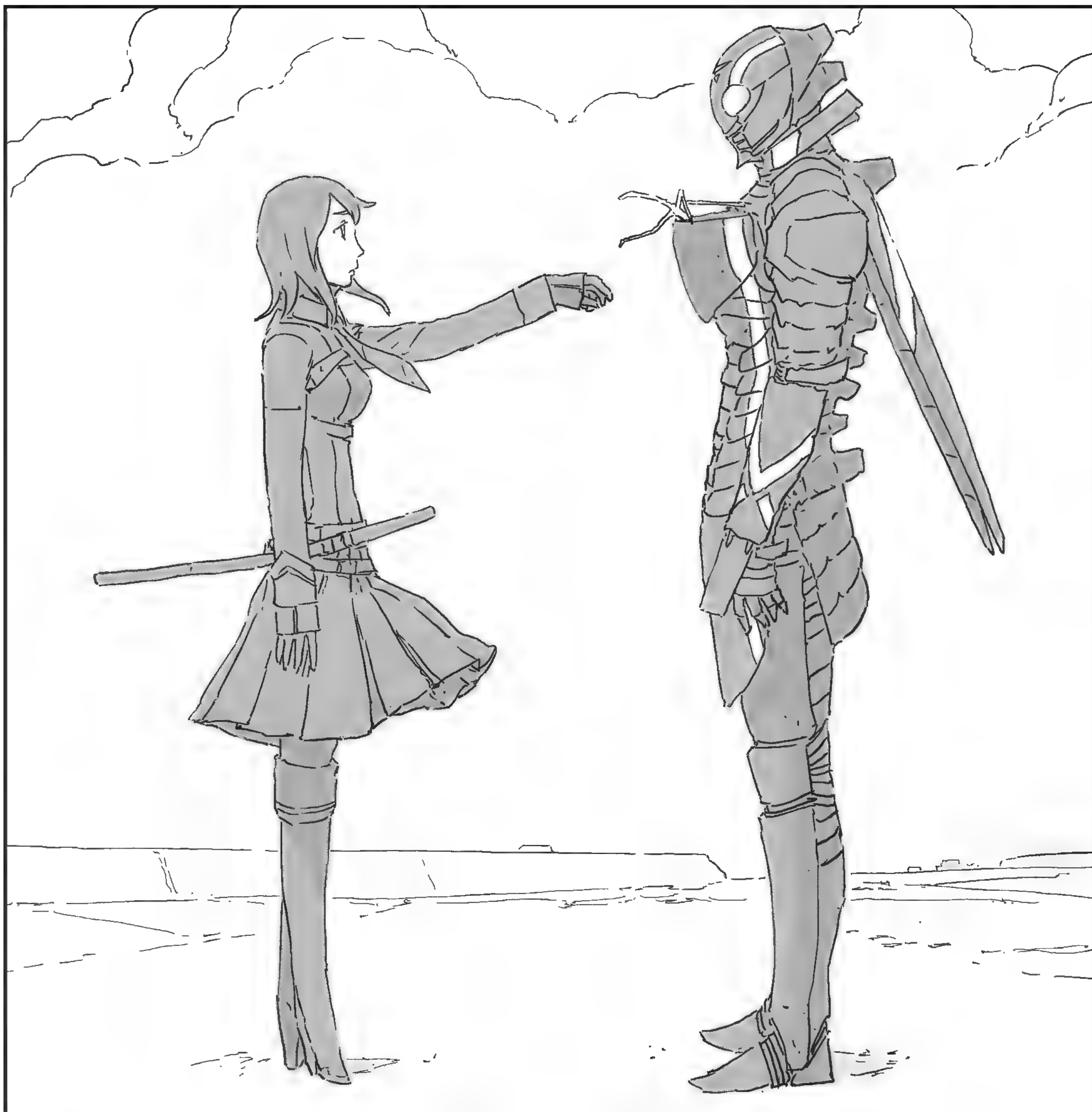
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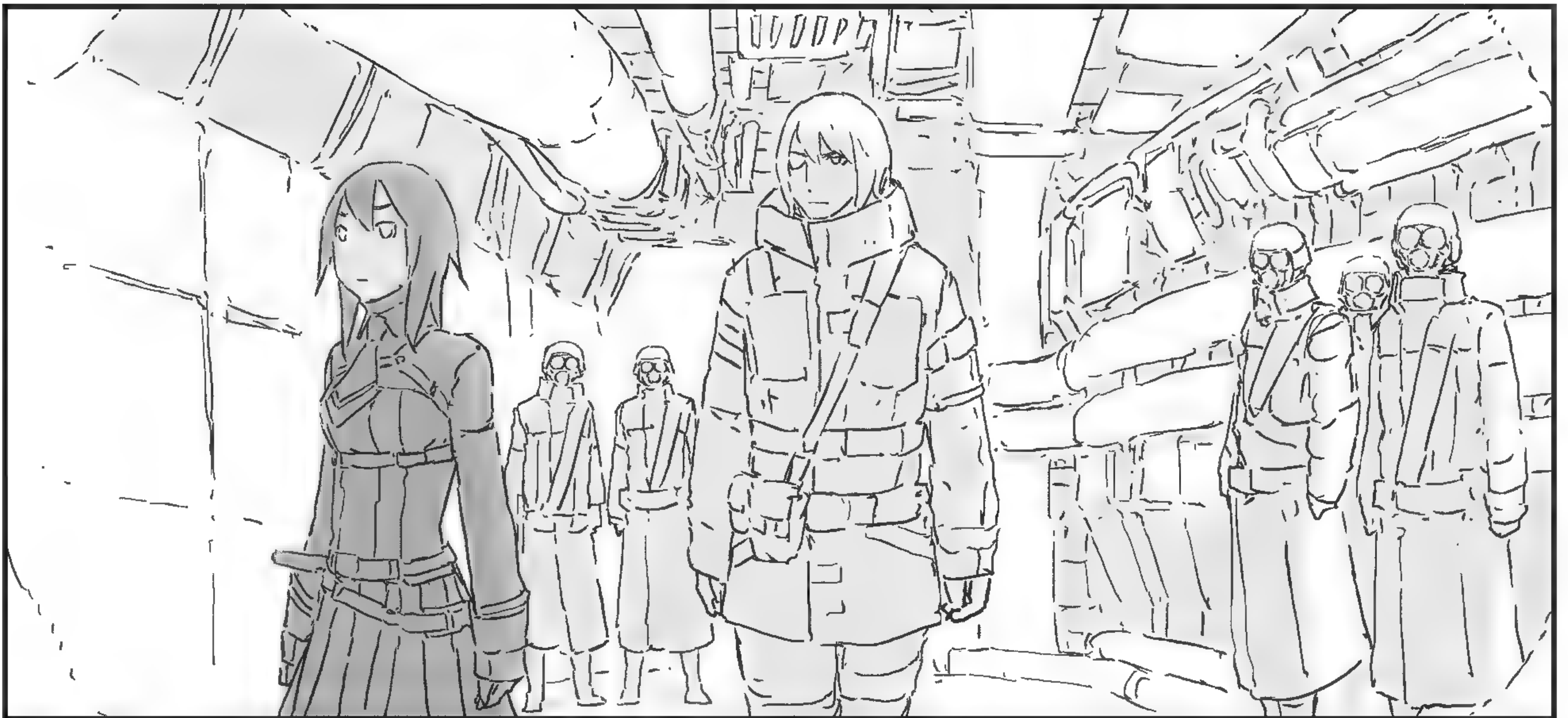
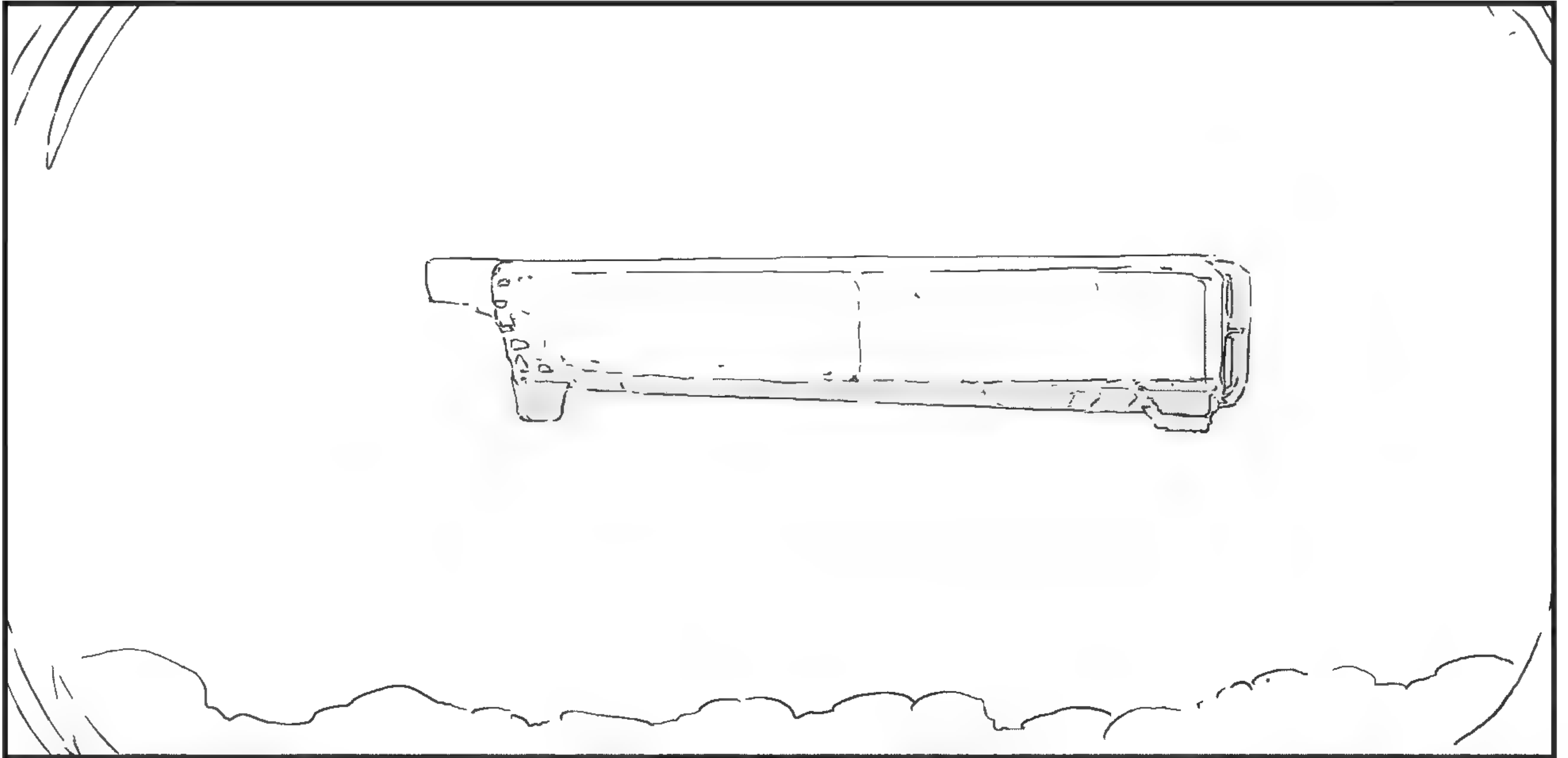








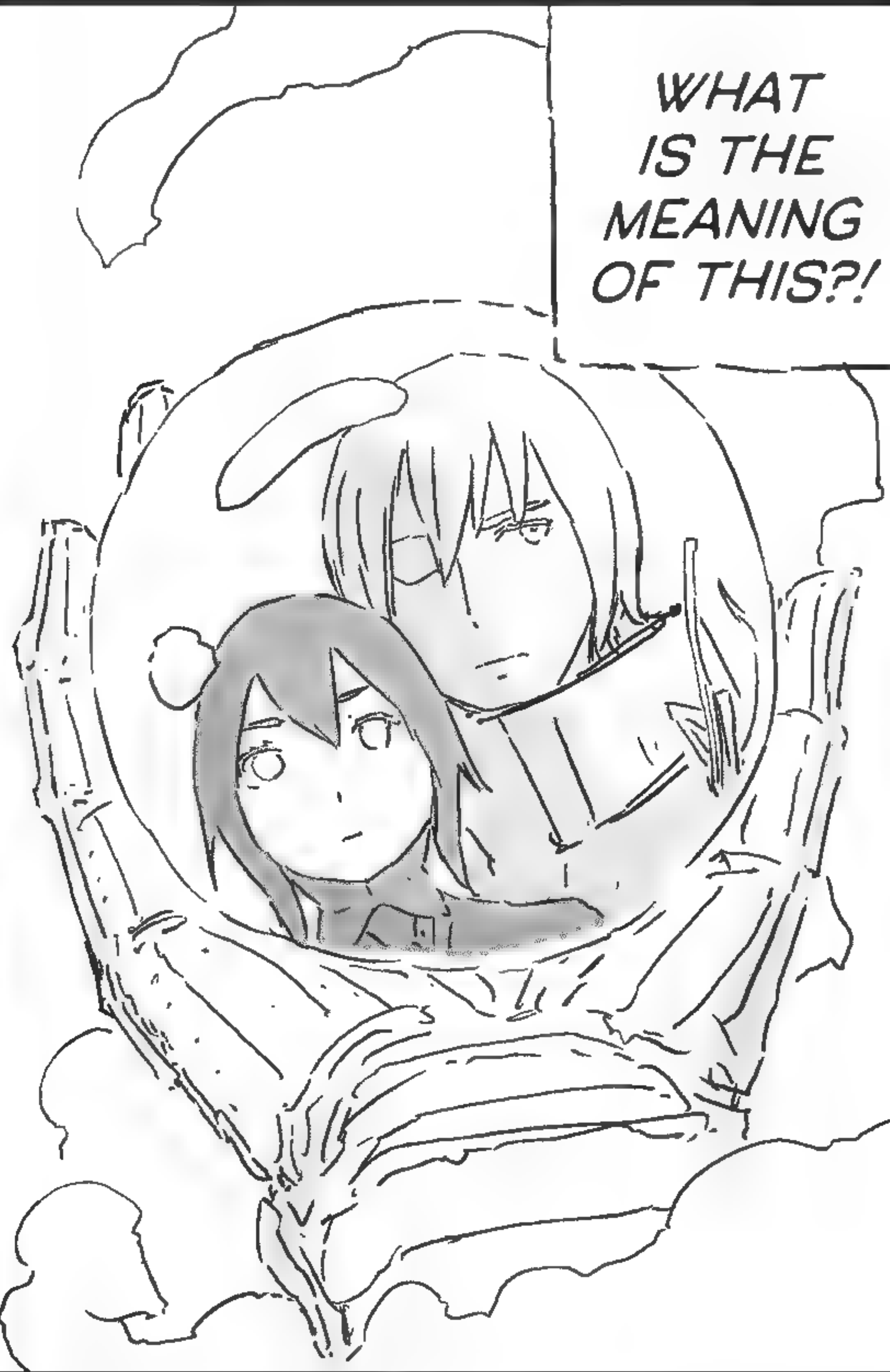




JATE,
I
THOUGHT
YOU WERE
DEAD.



WHAT
IS THE
MEANING
OF THIS?!

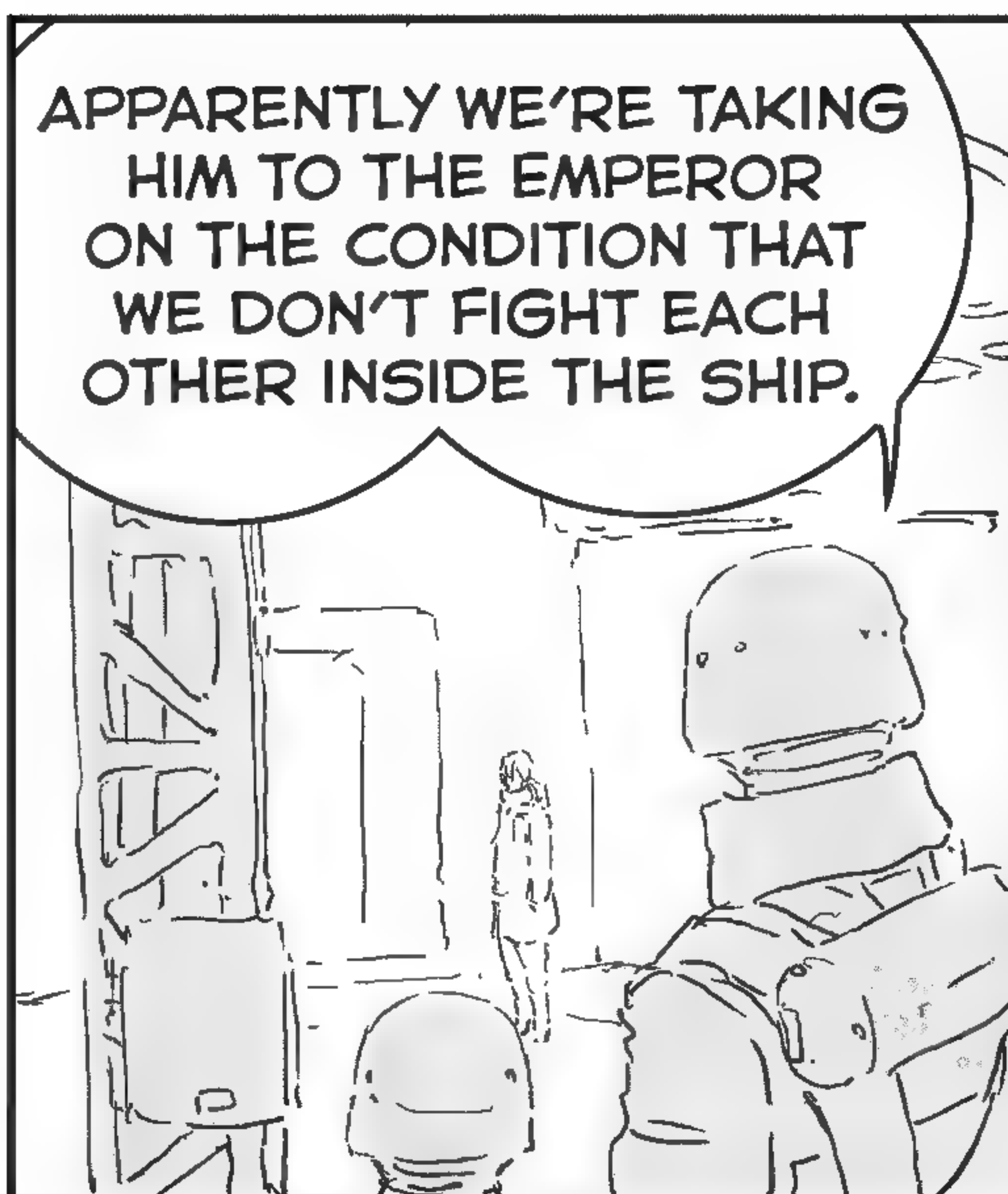
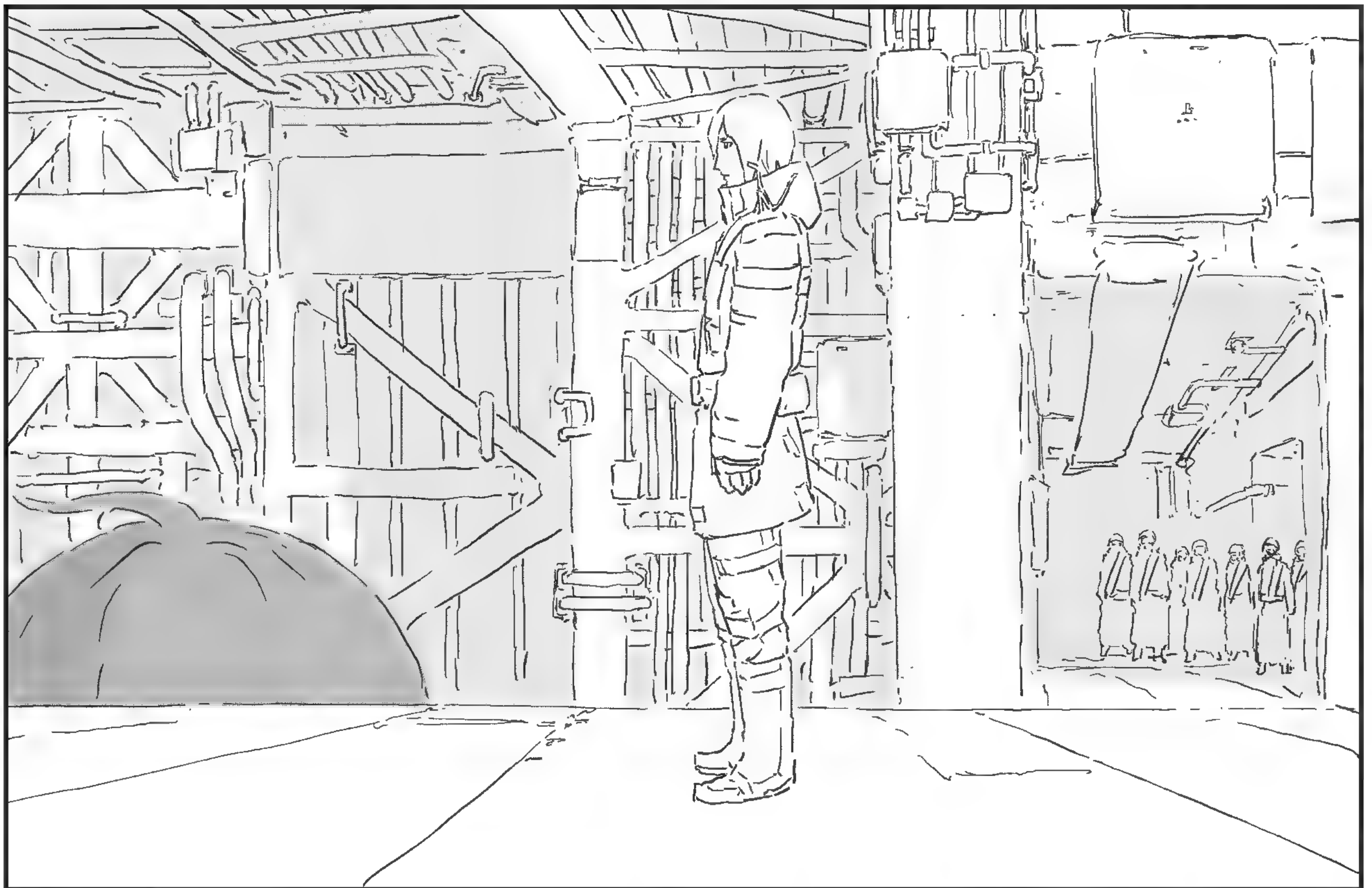
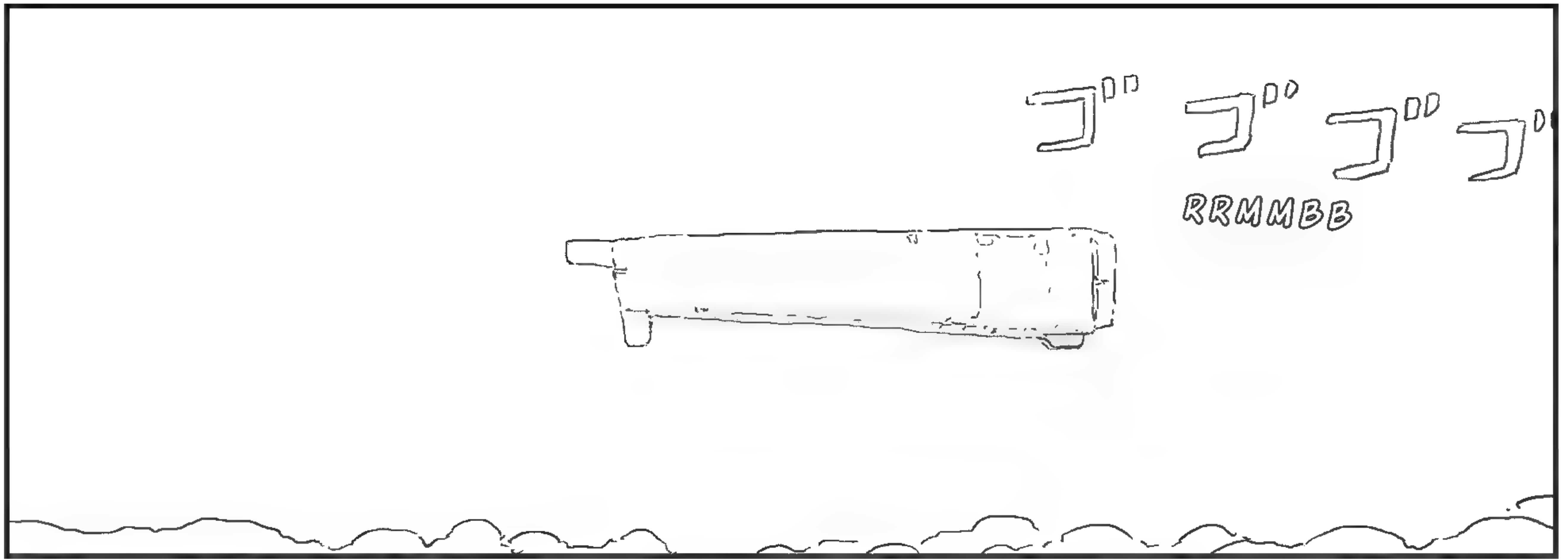


I MUST
HURRY
TO SET
THINGS
RIGHT.

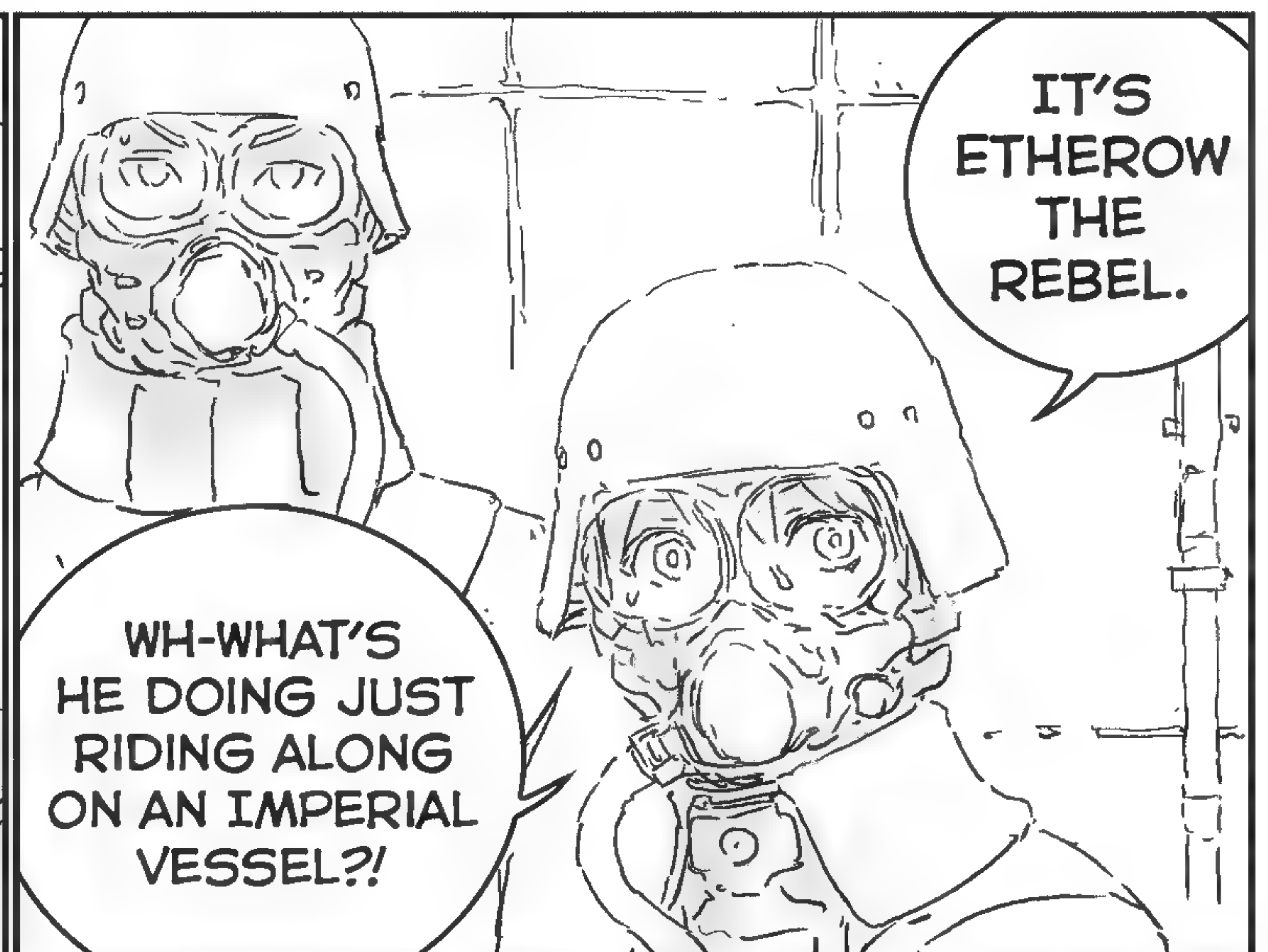


THE FUTURE
DIVERGED
GREATLY FROM
THE SCOPE
OF WHAT I
PREDICTED.



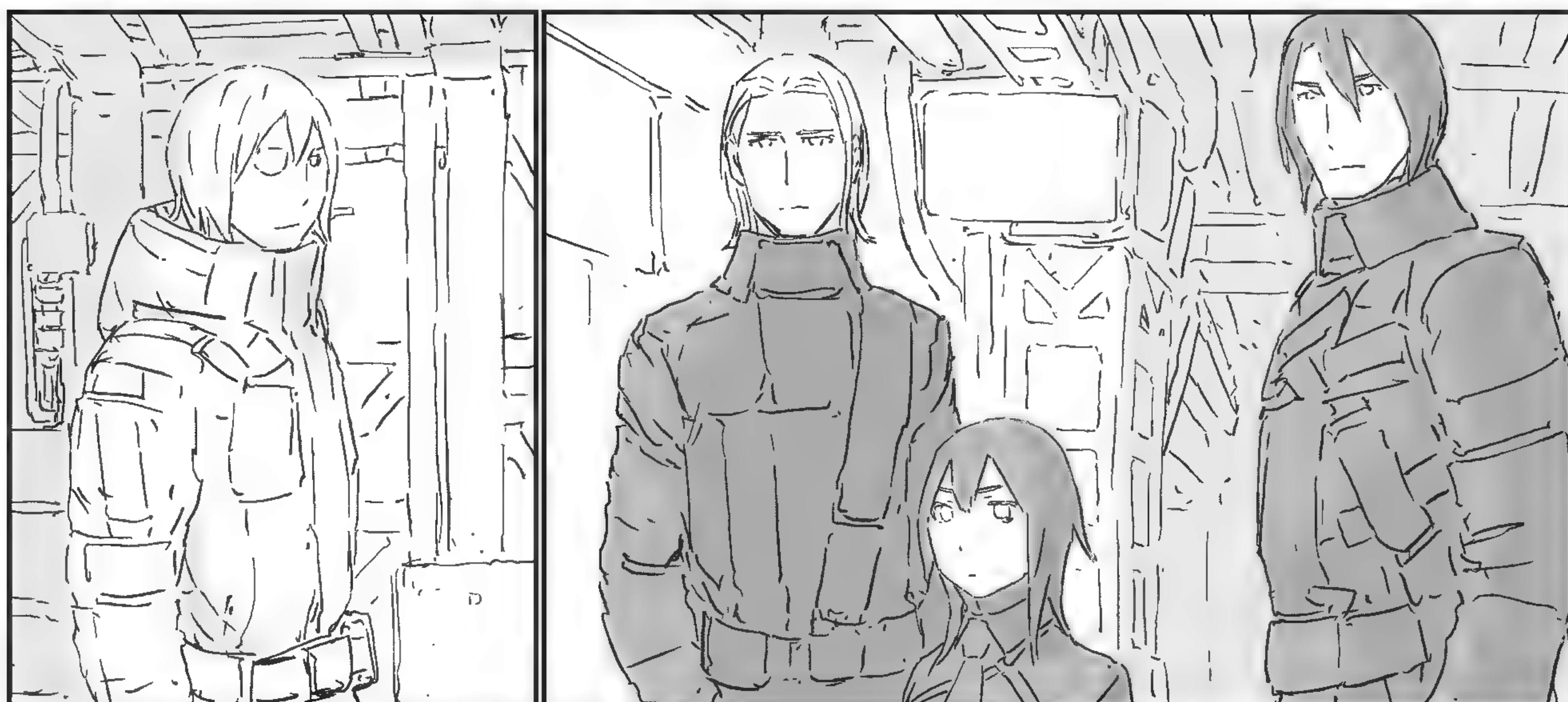
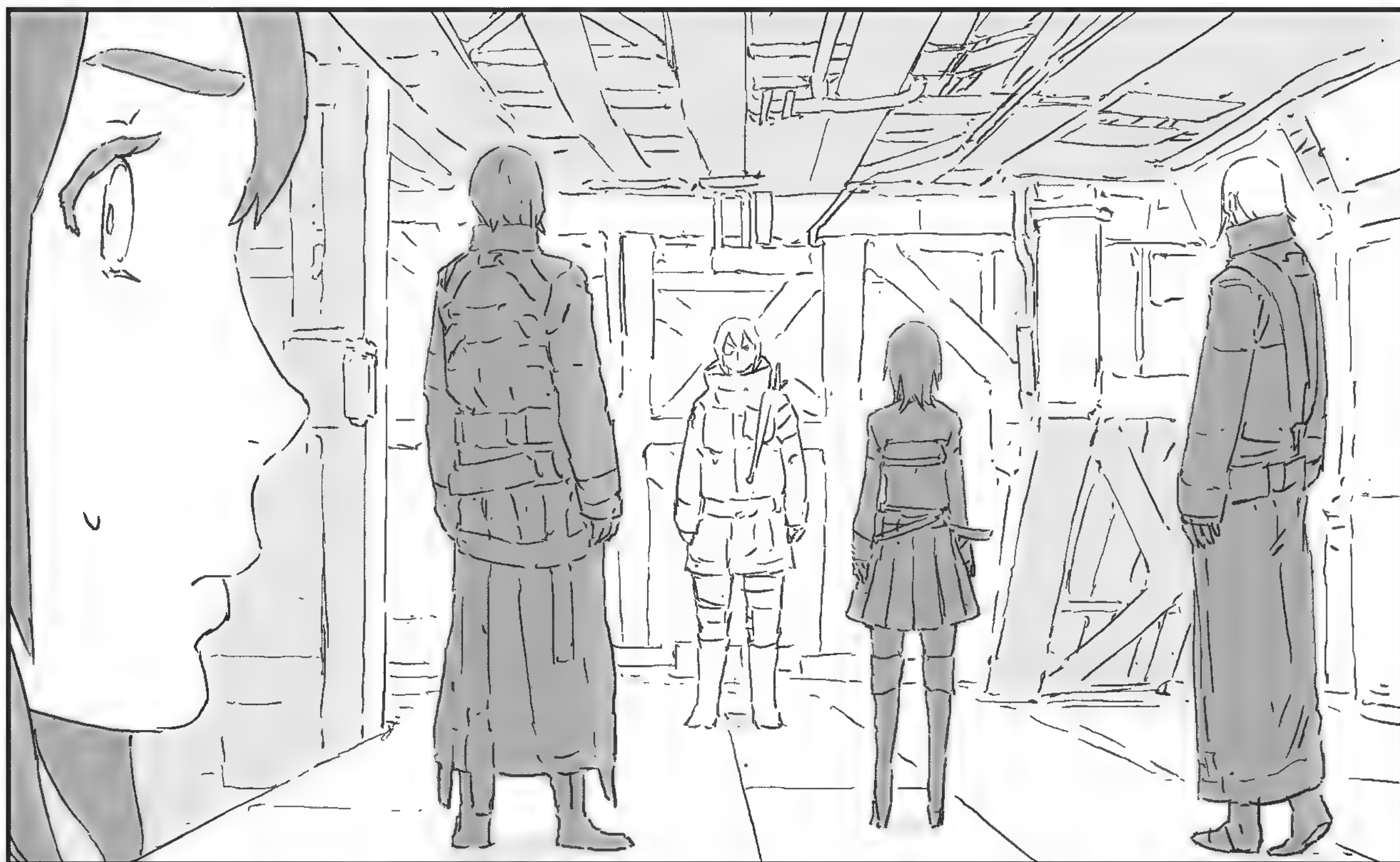
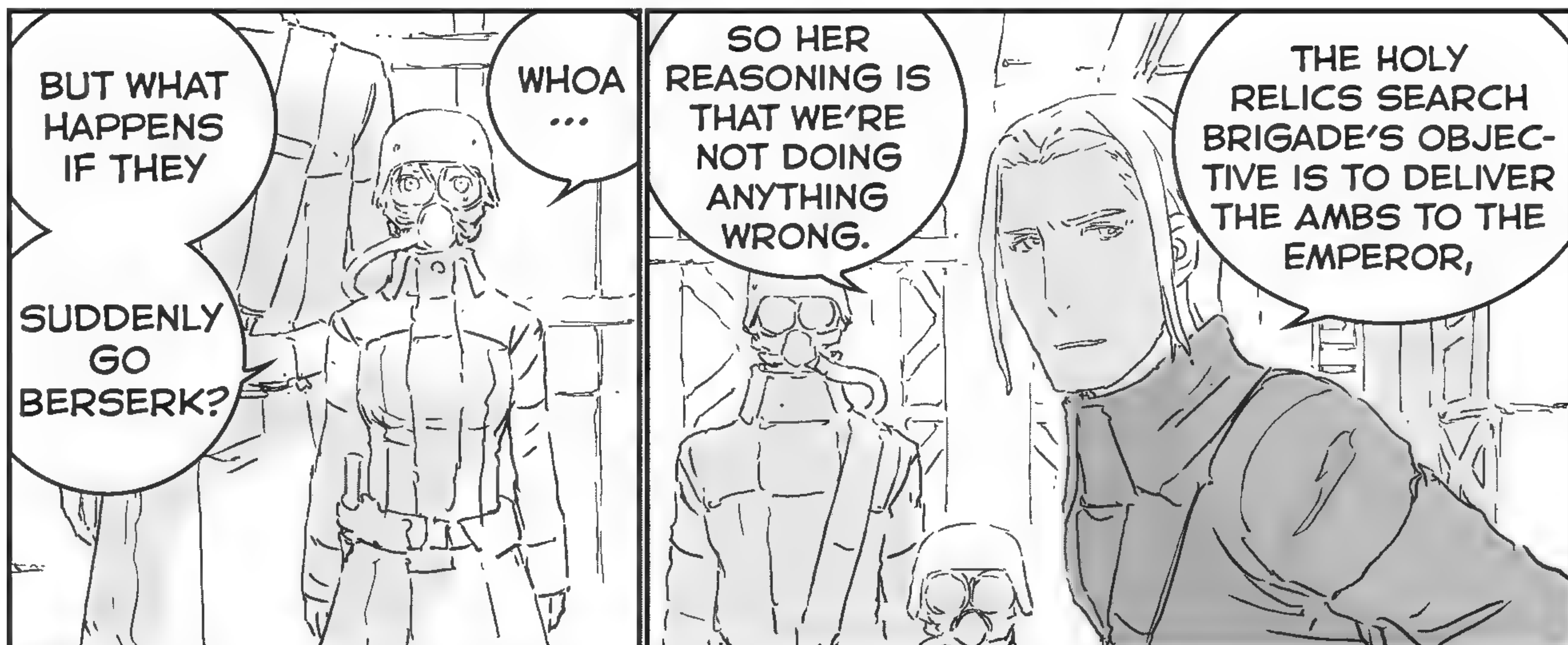


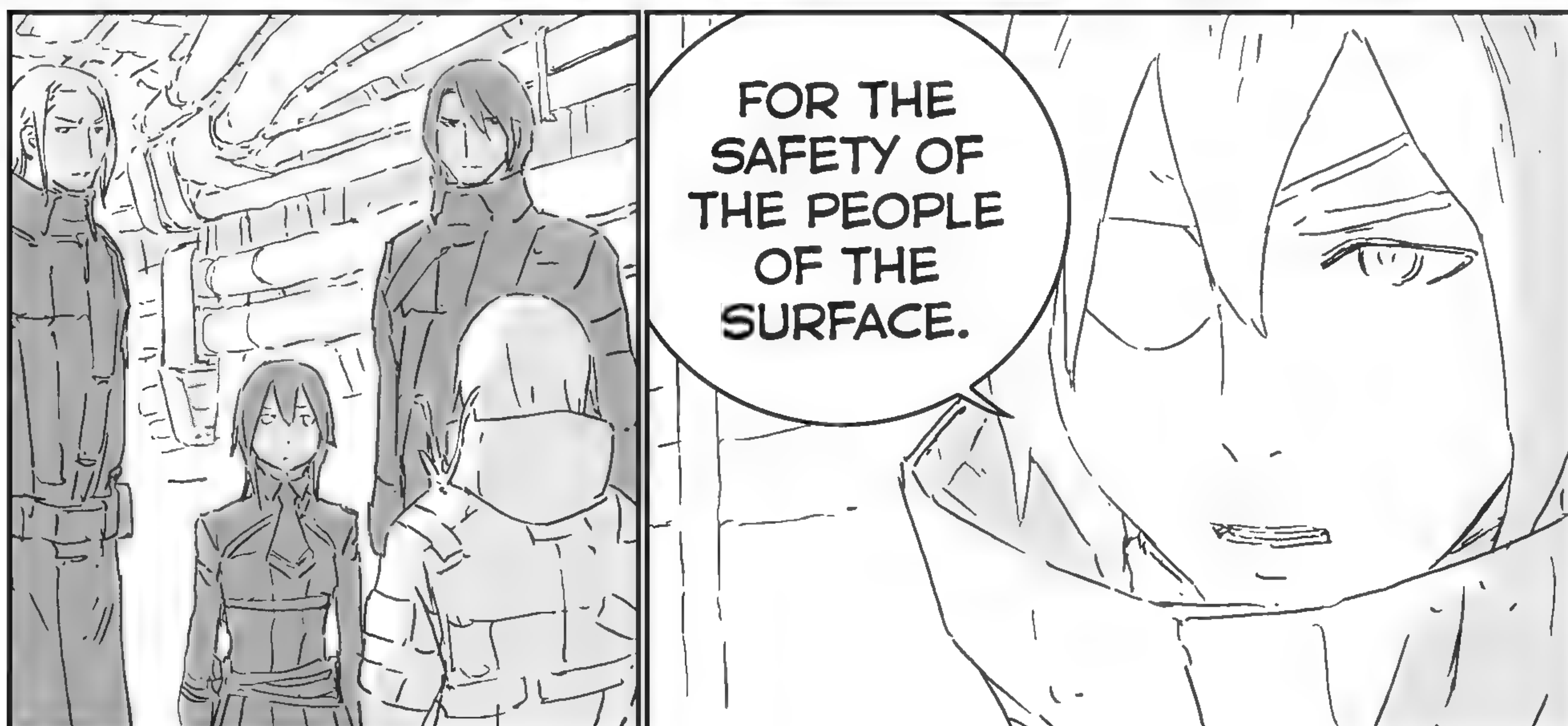
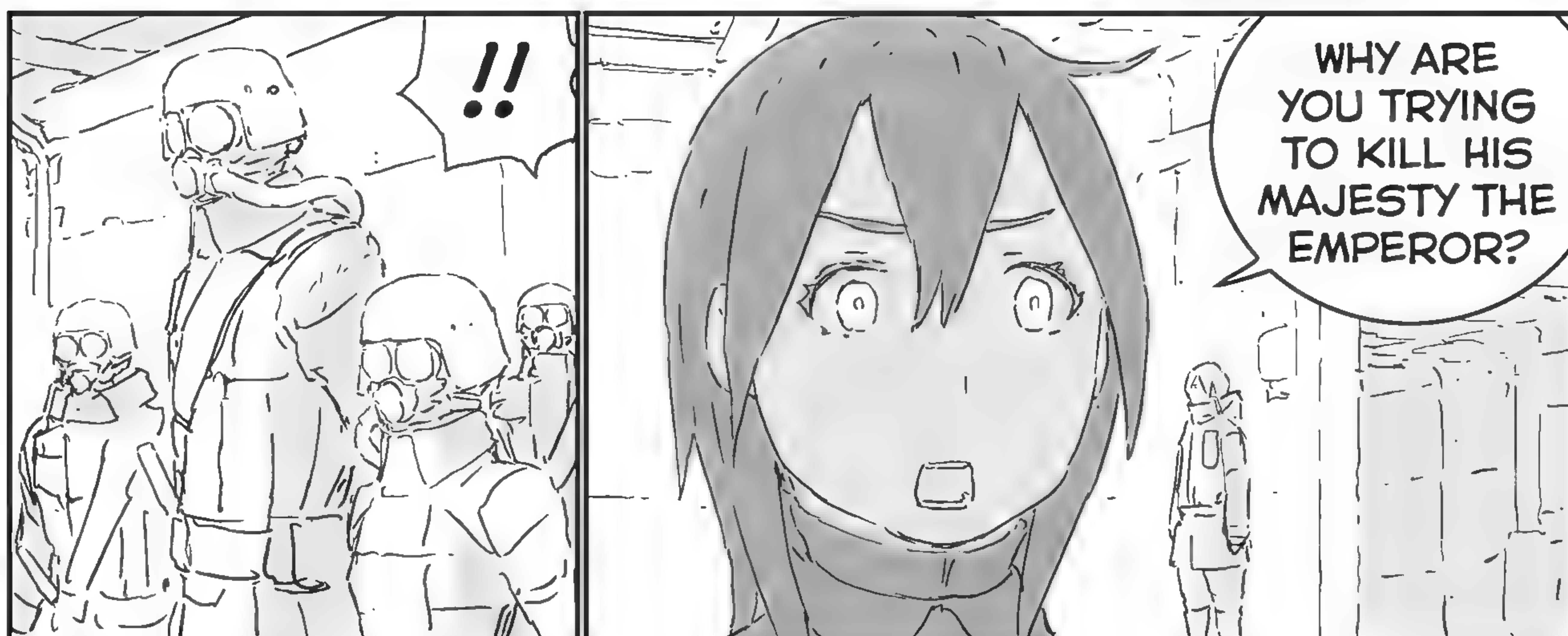
APPARENTLY WE'RE TAKING HIM TO THE EMPEROR ON THE CONDITION THAT WE DON'T FIGHT EACH OTHER INSIDE THE SHIP.

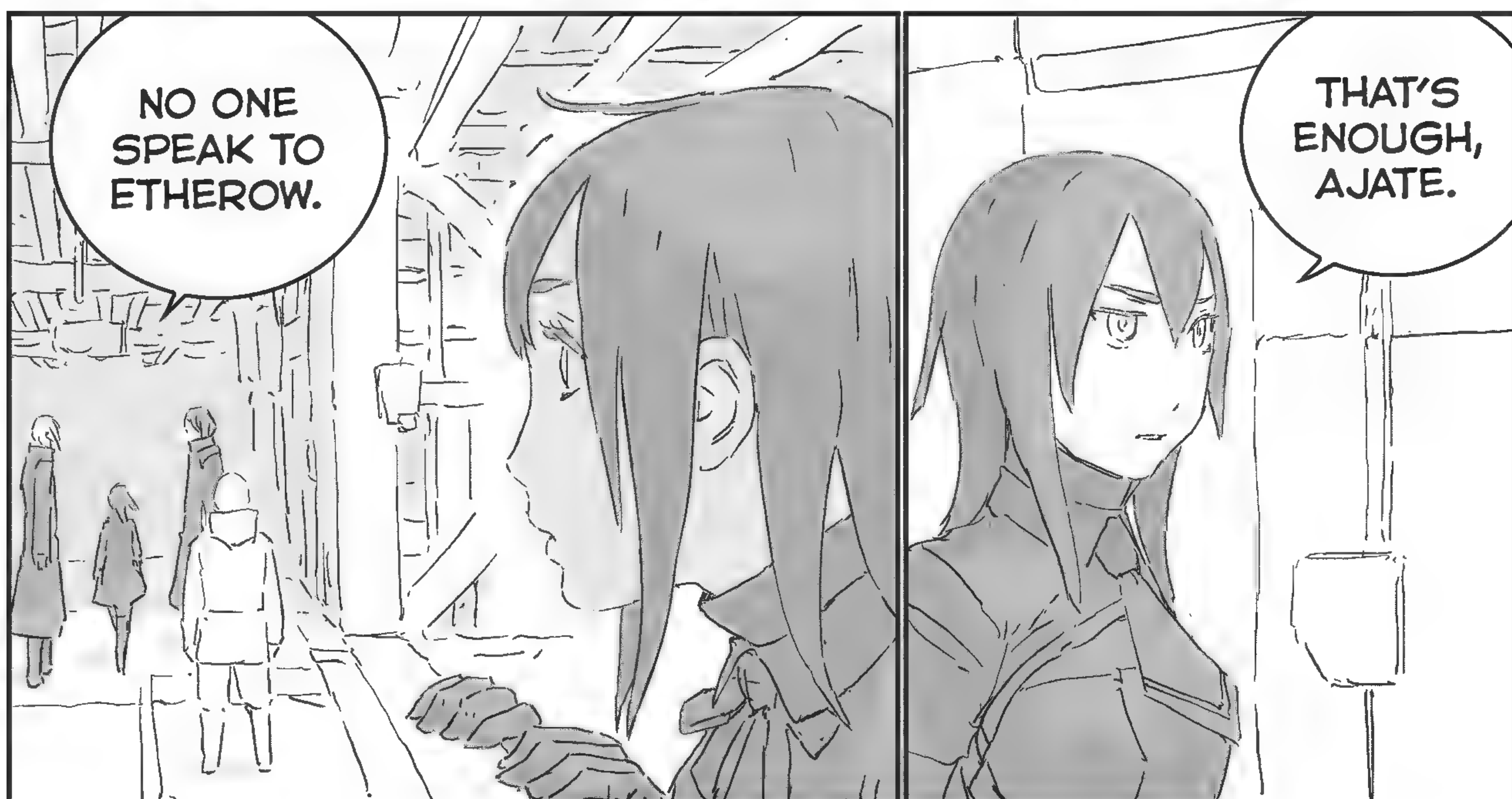
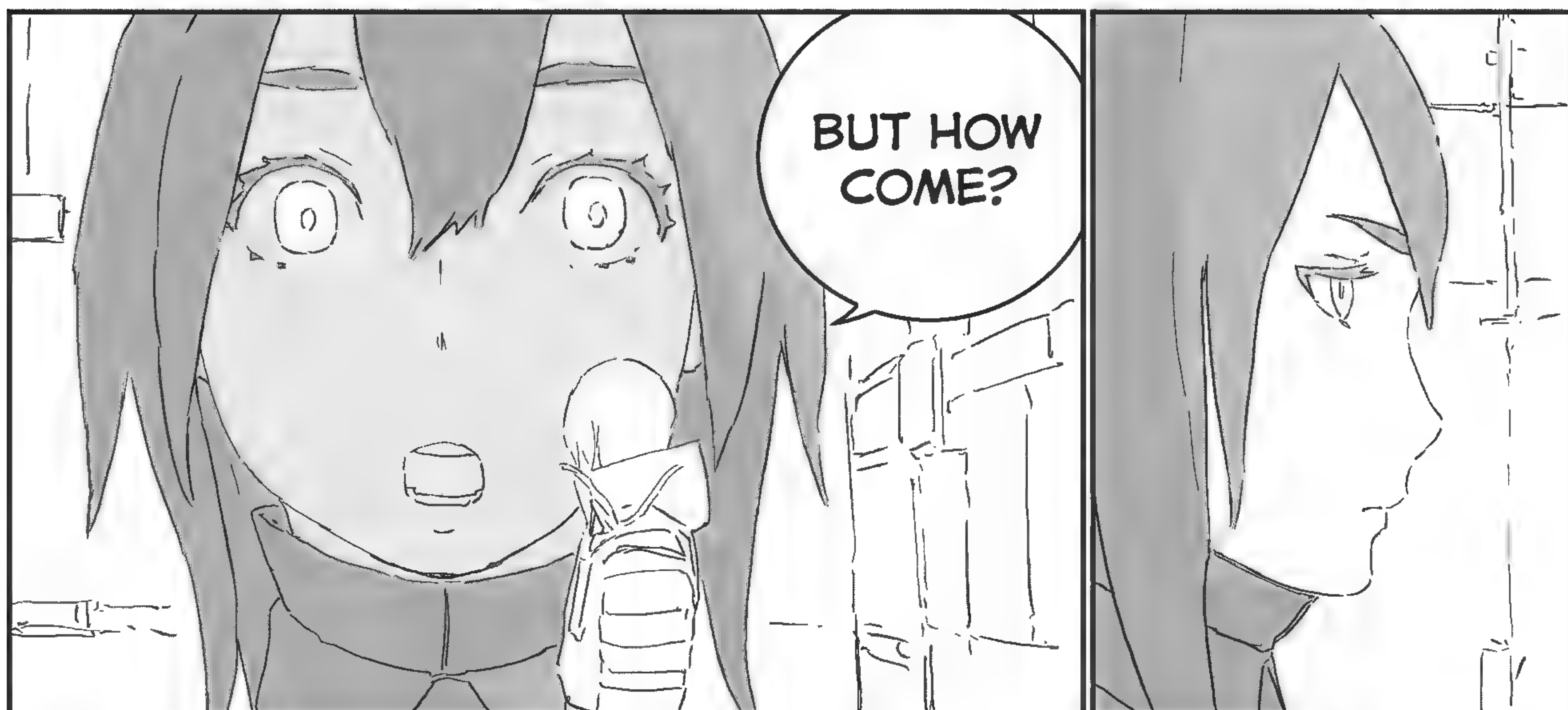
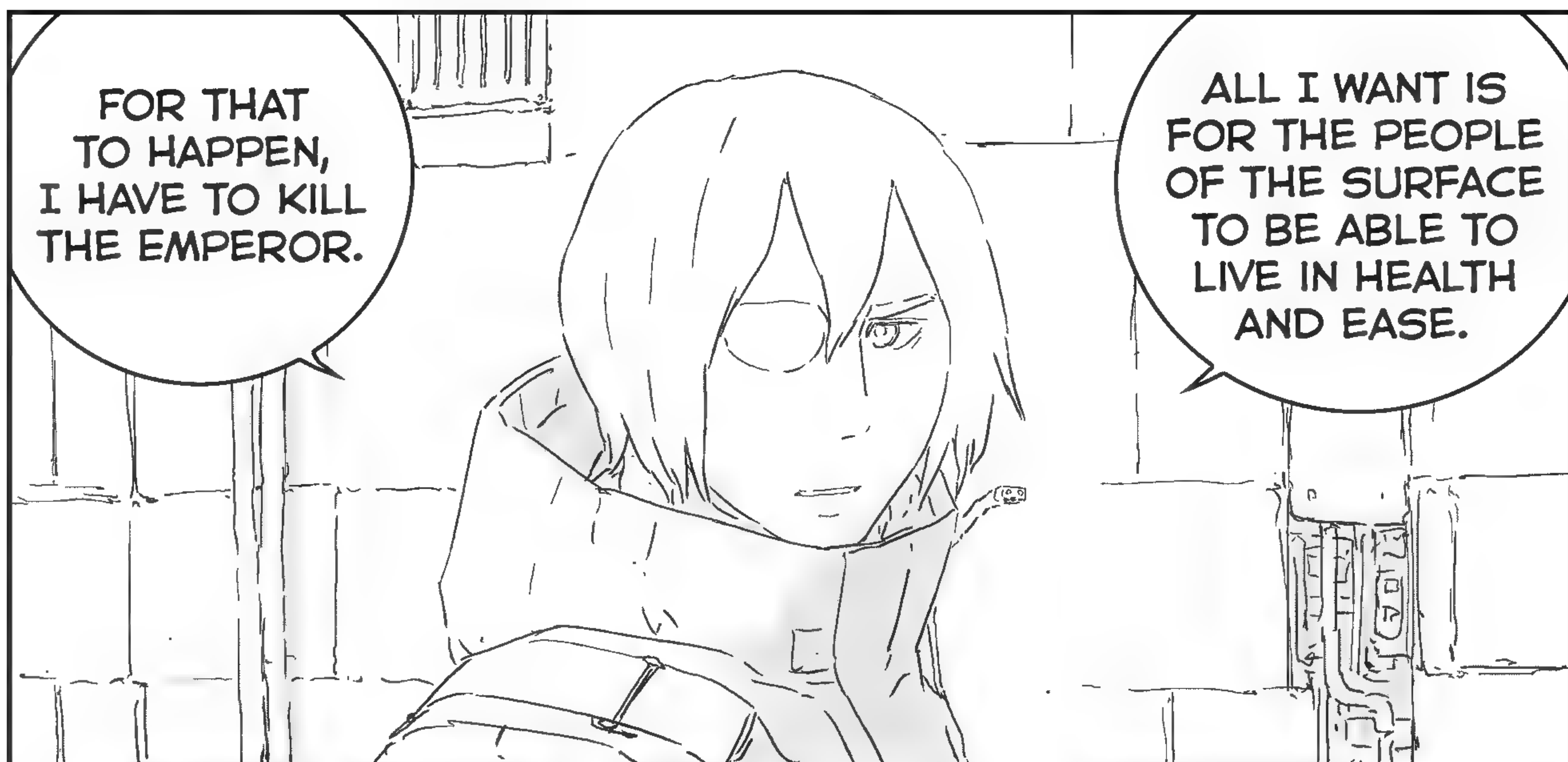


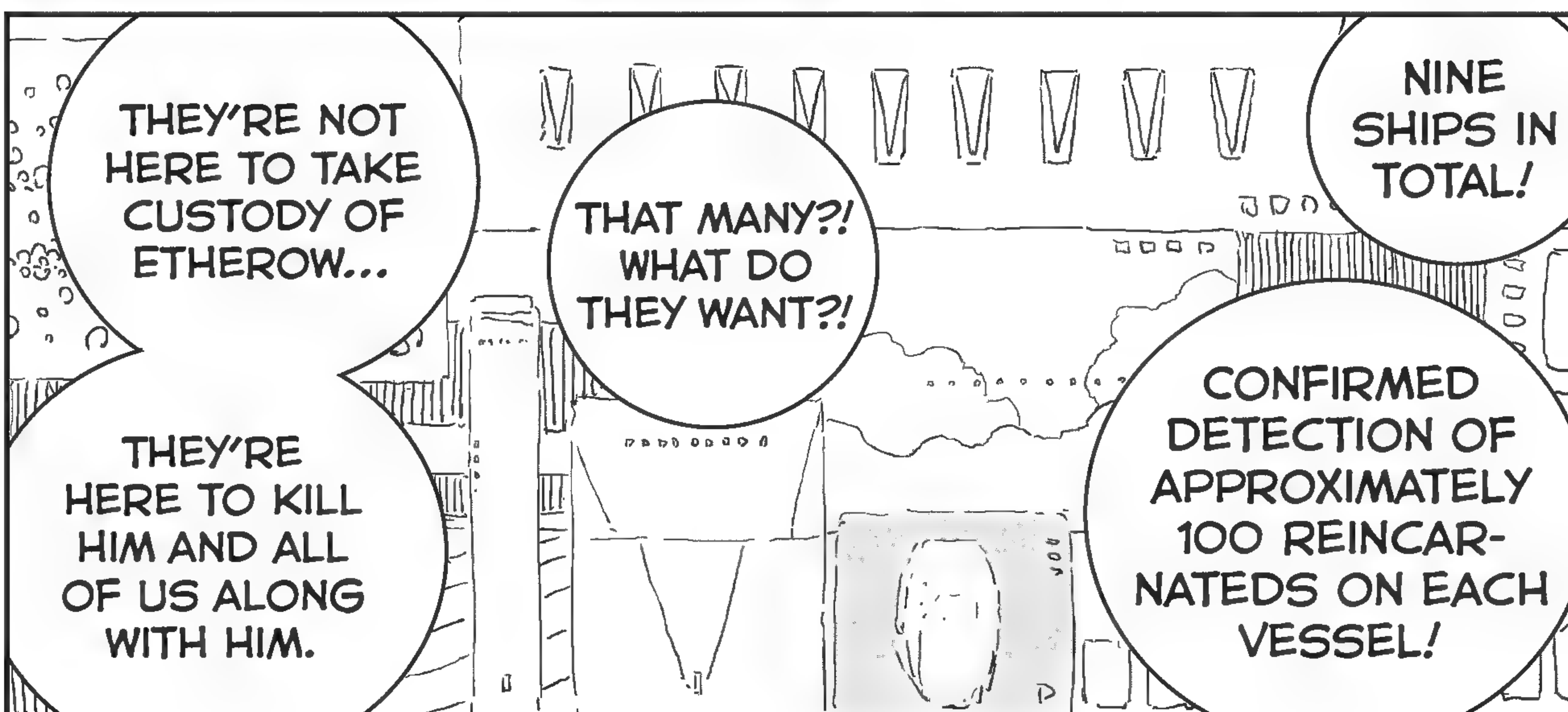
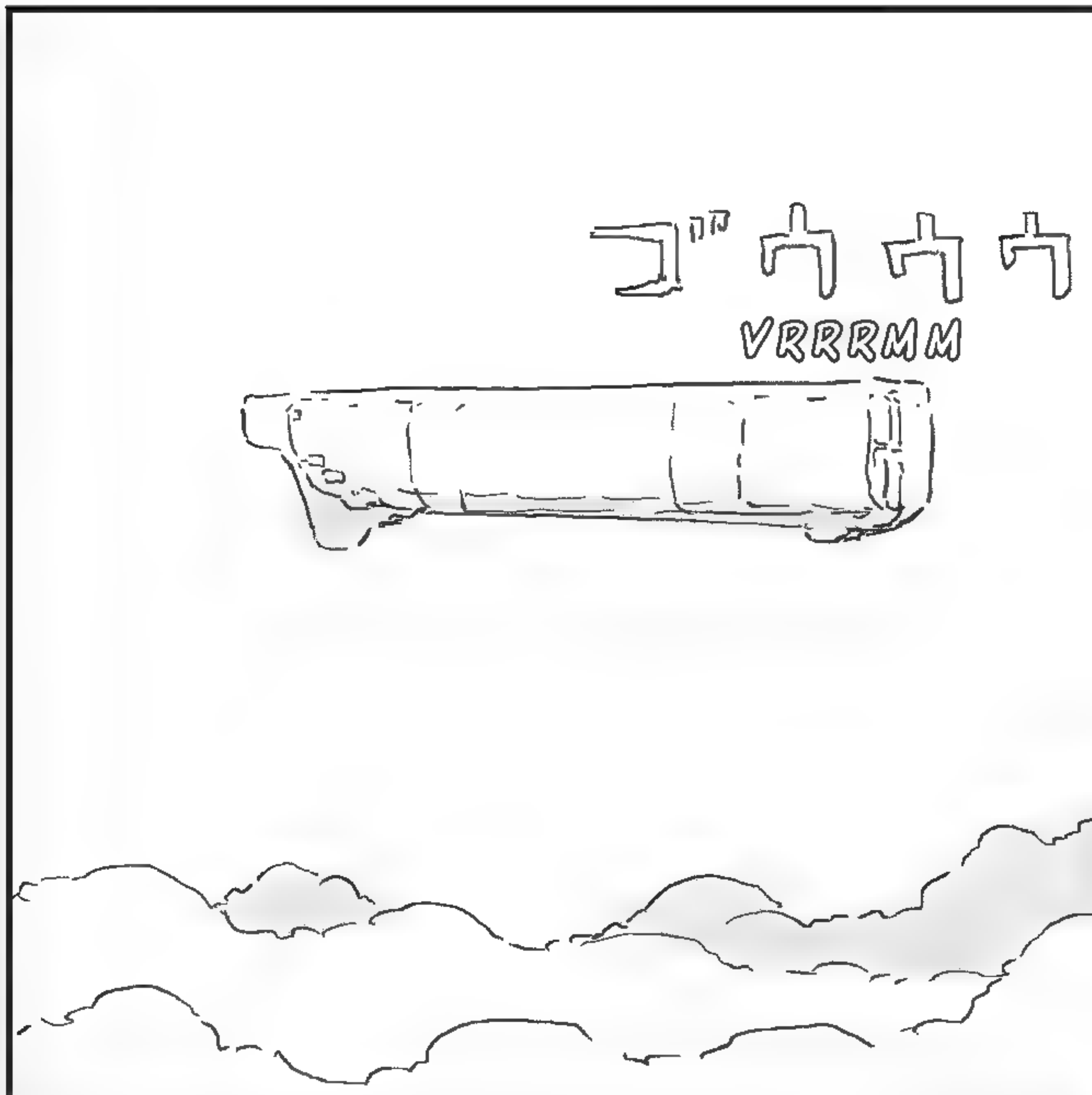
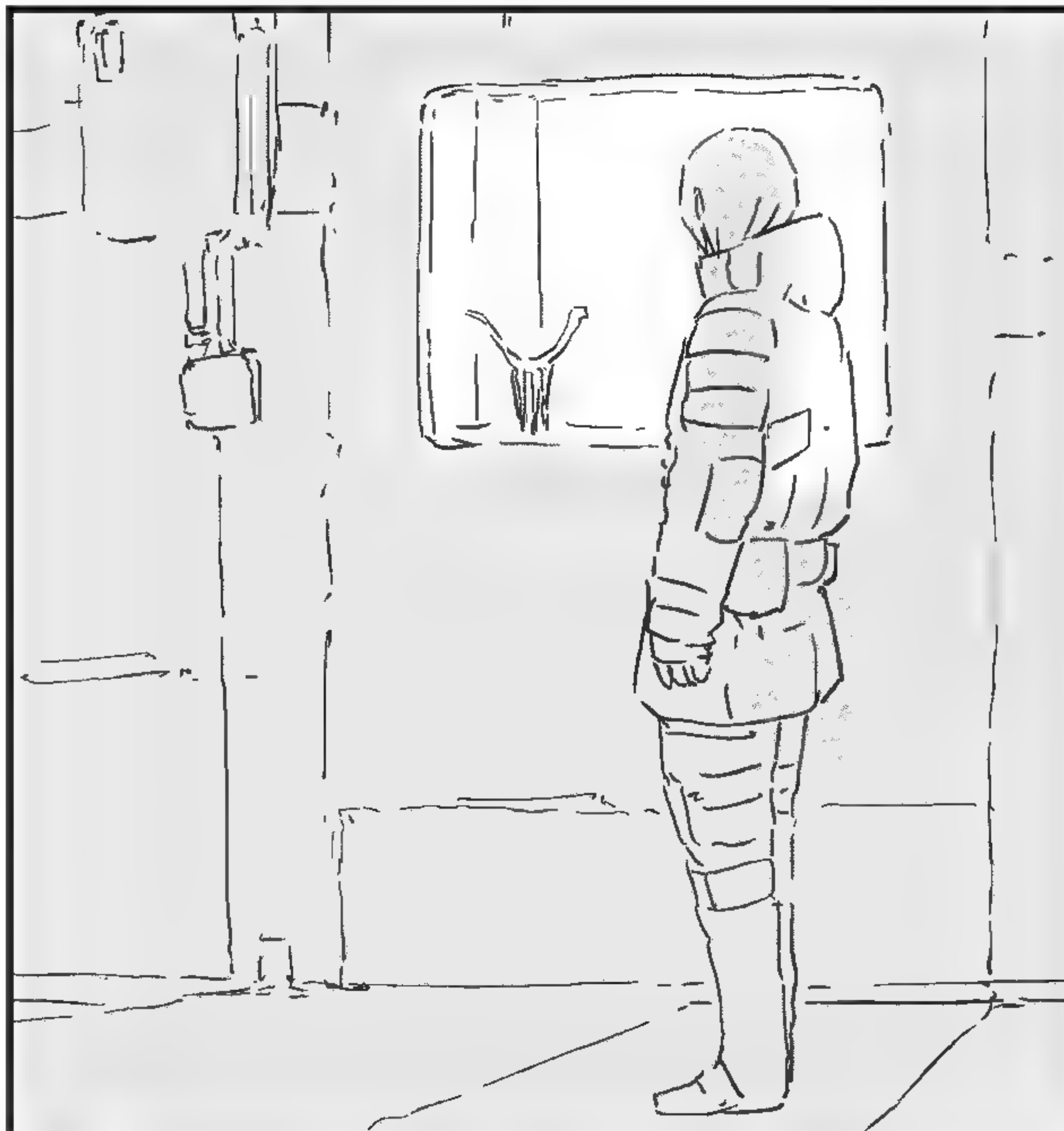
WH-WHAT'S HE DOING JUST RIDING ALONG ON AN IMPERIAL VESSEL?!

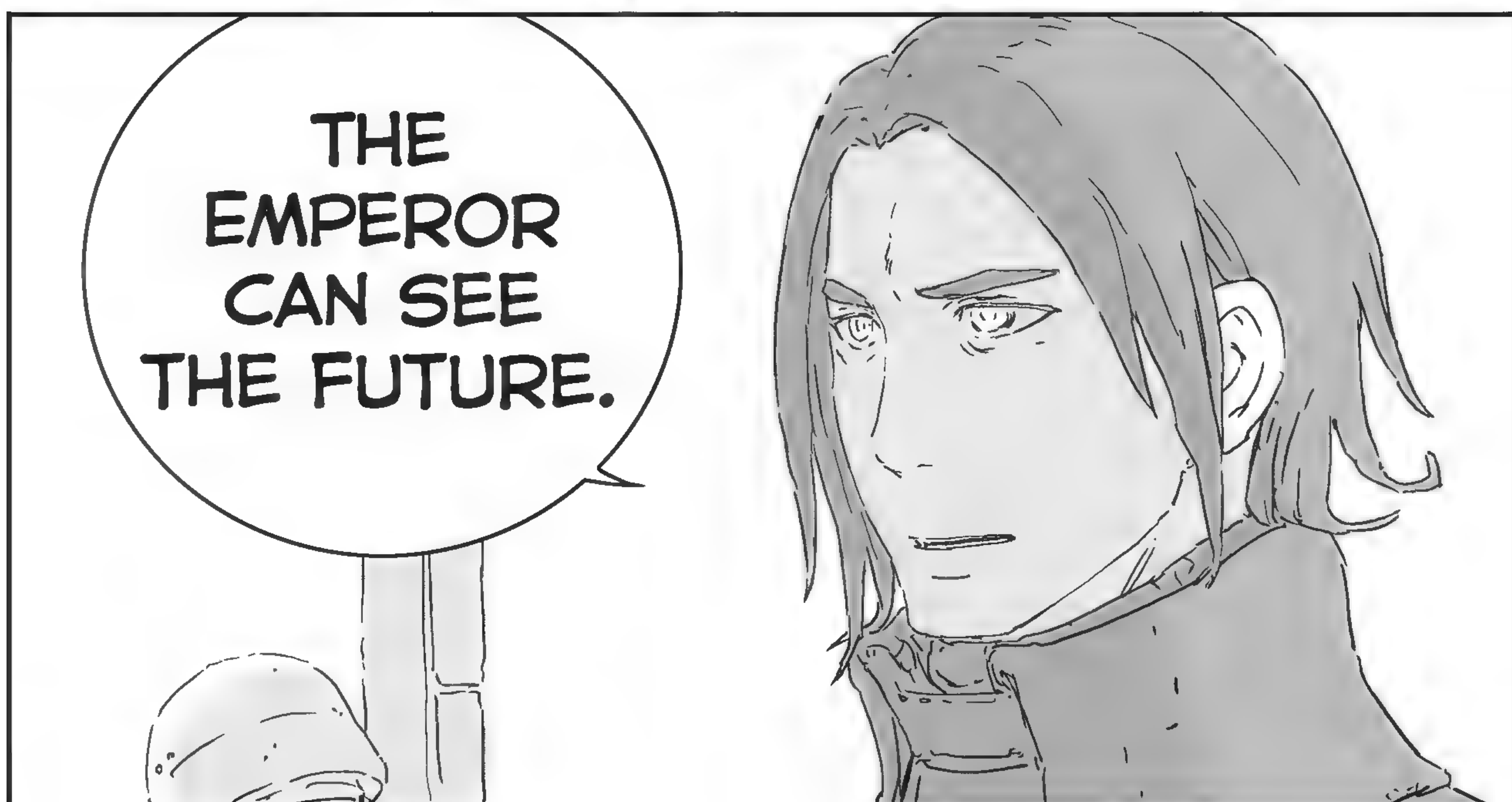
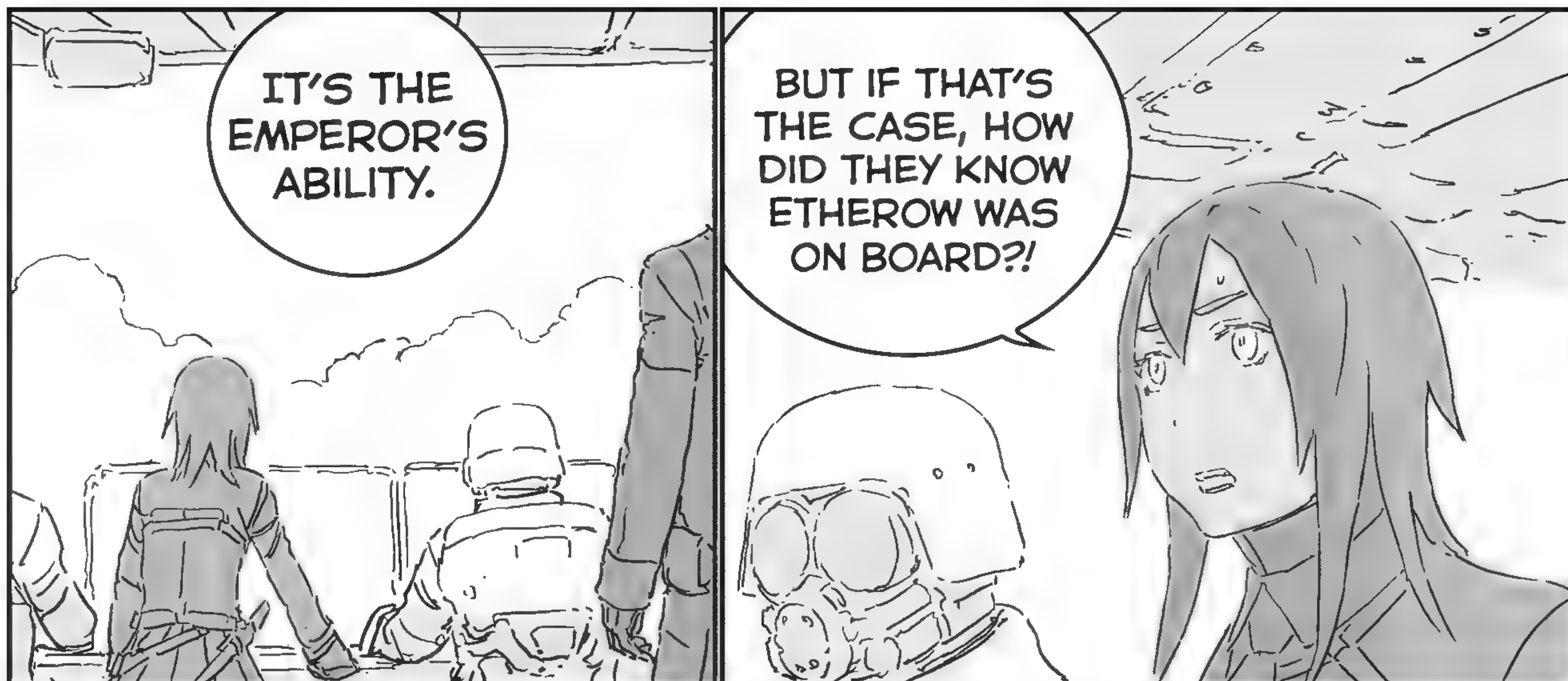
IT'S ETHEROW THE REBEL.



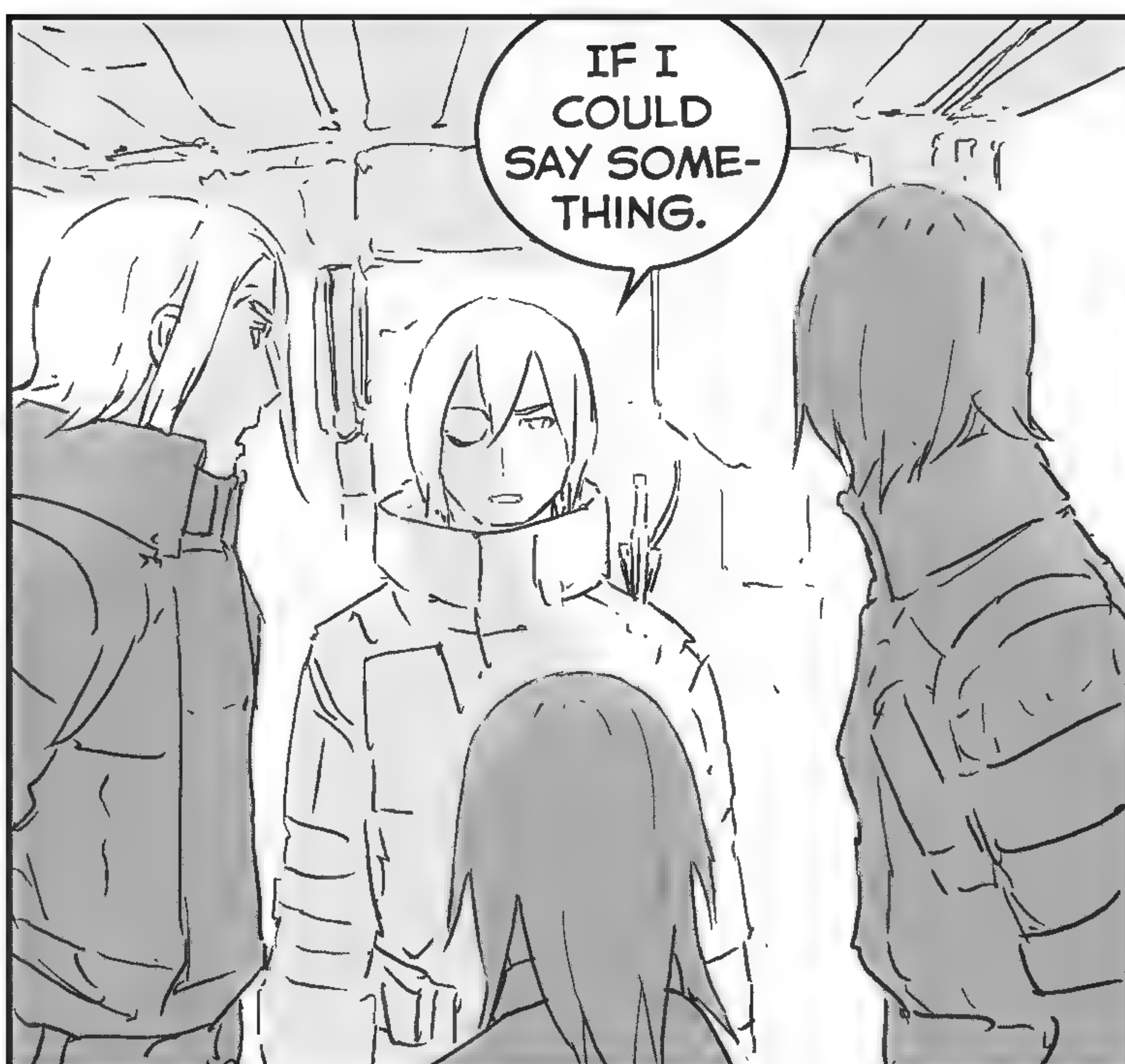
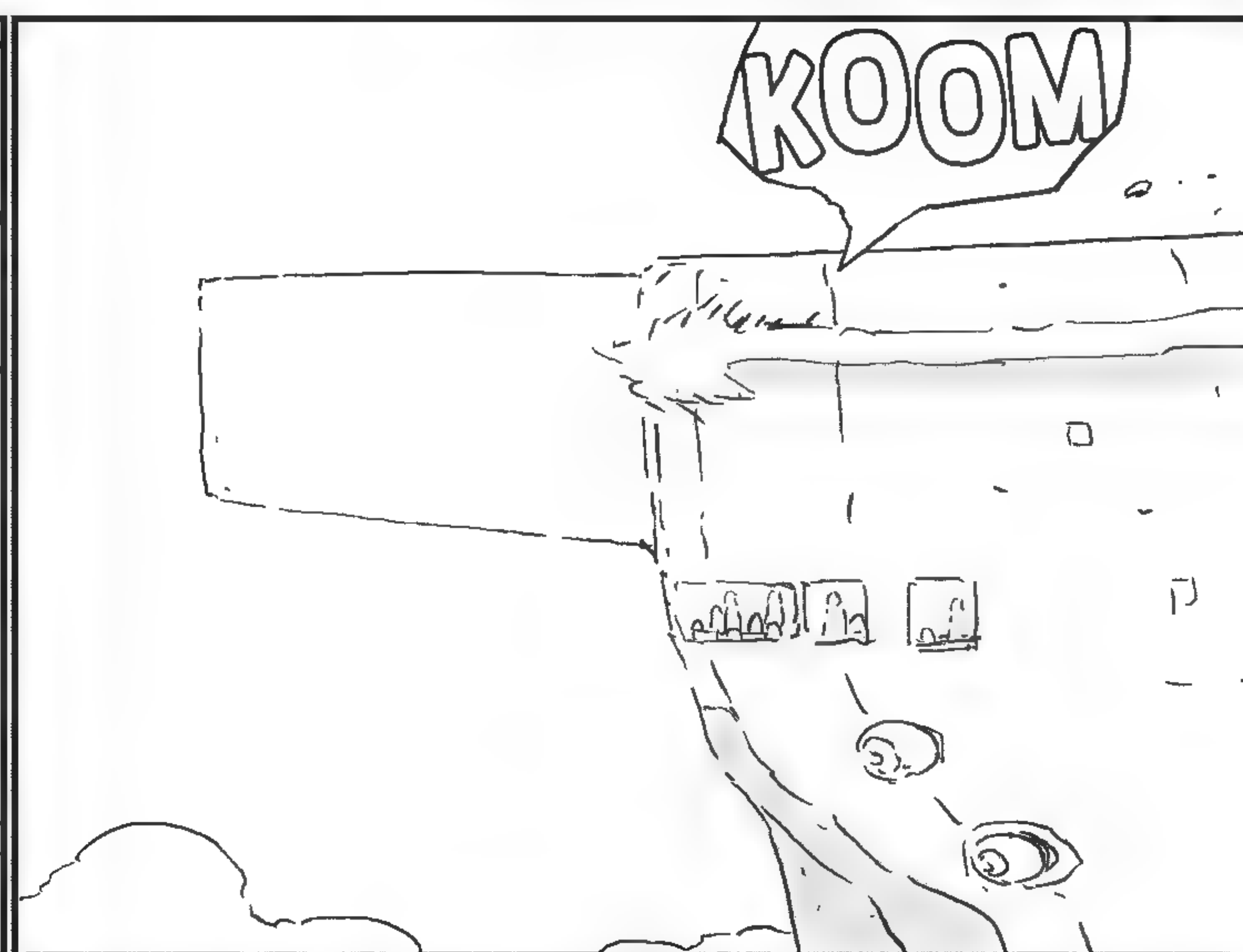
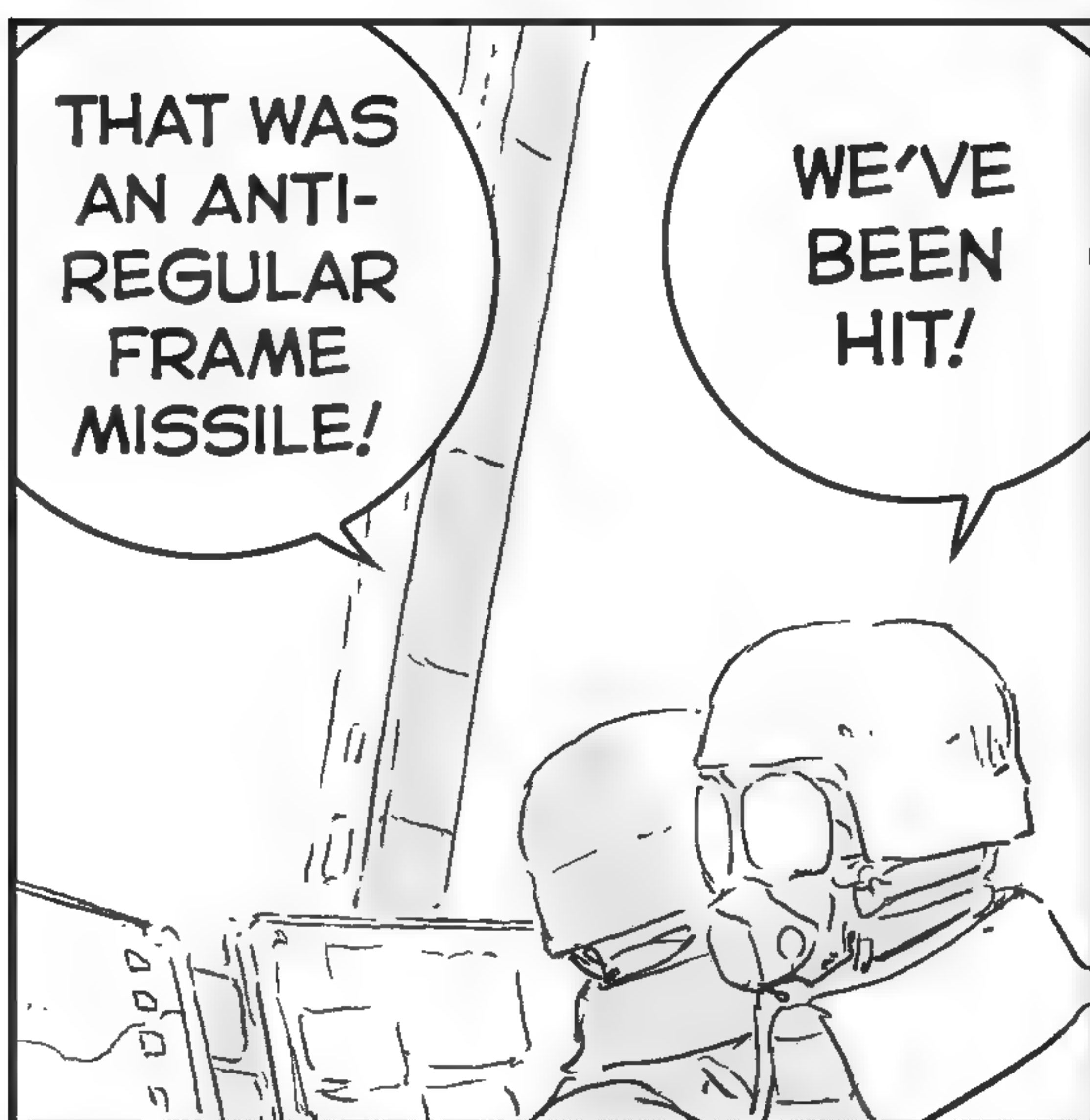
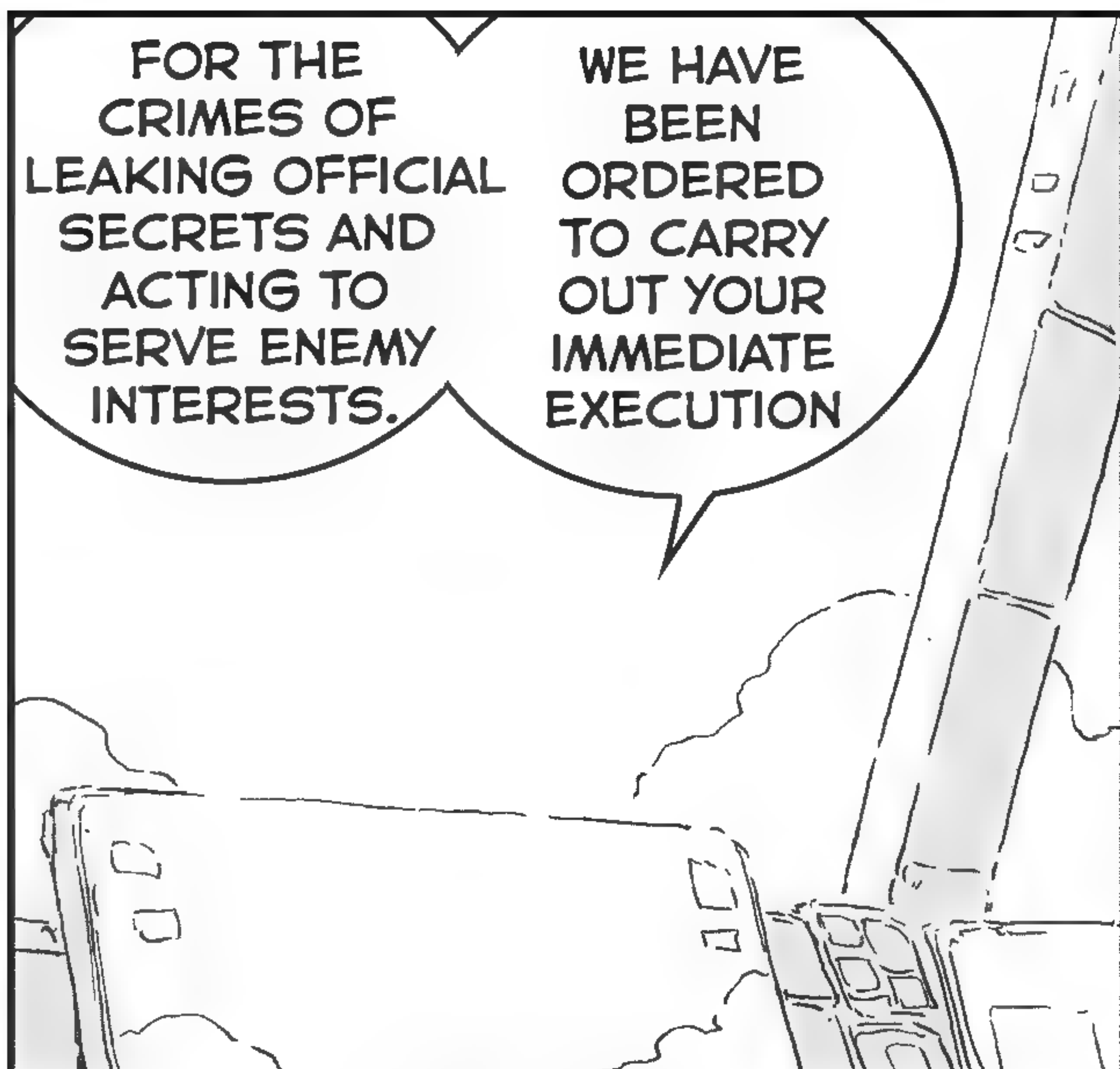


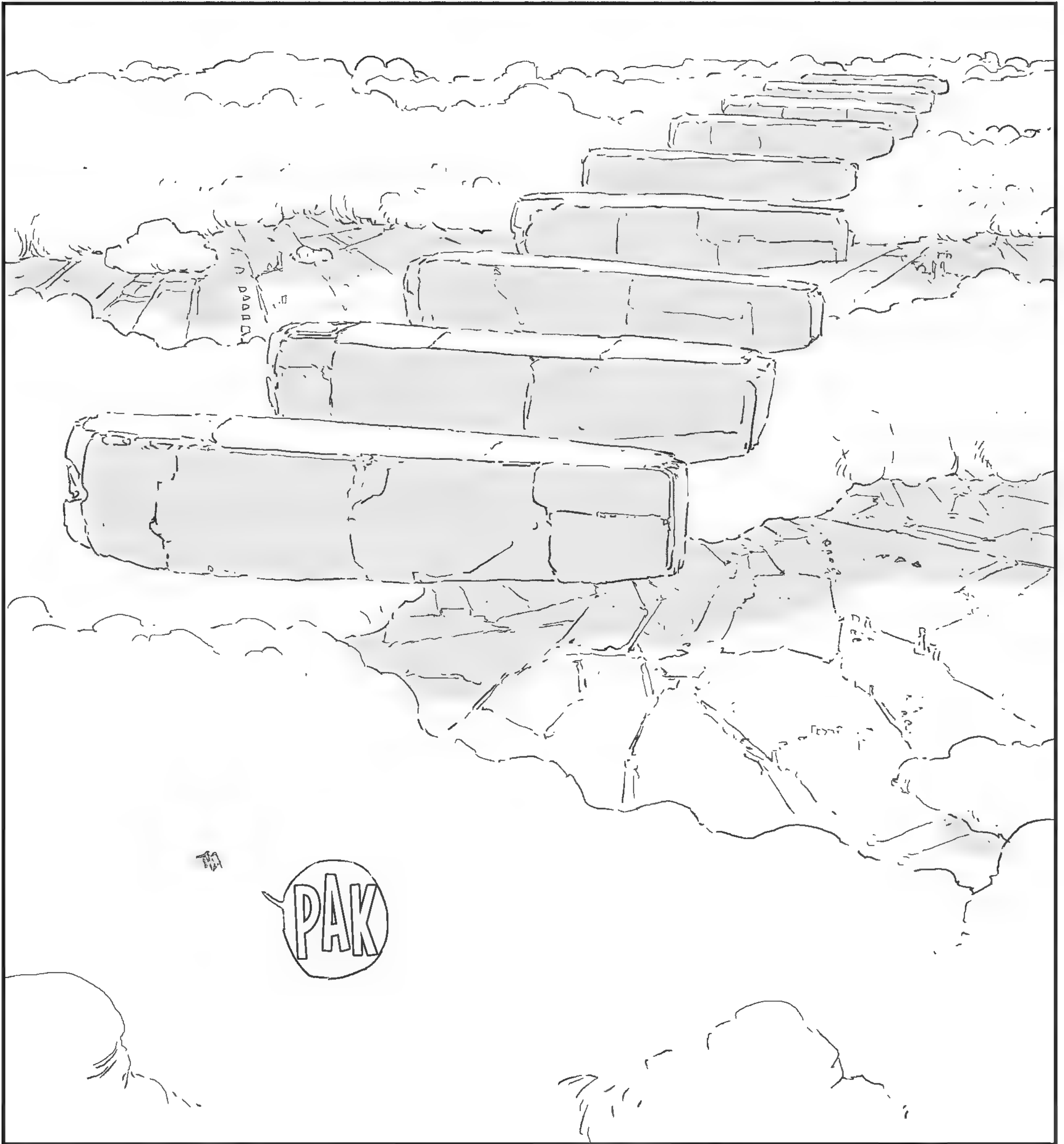
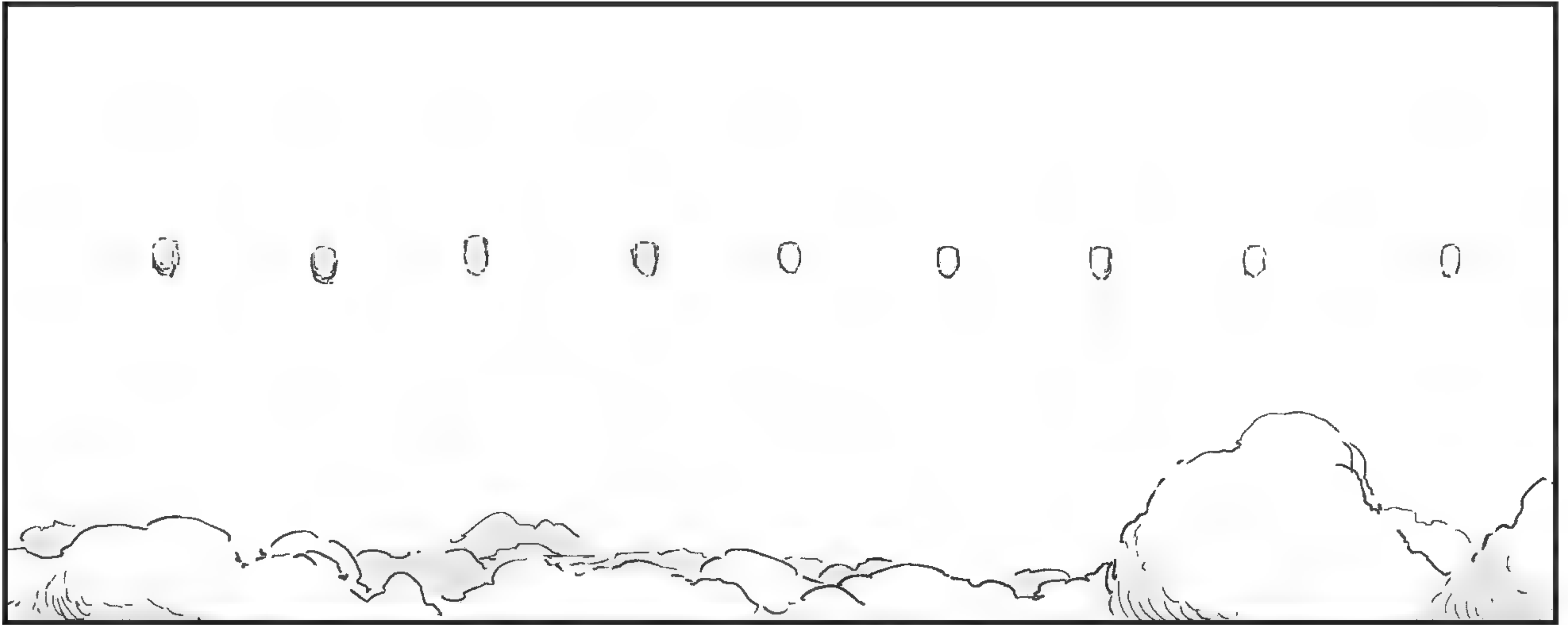


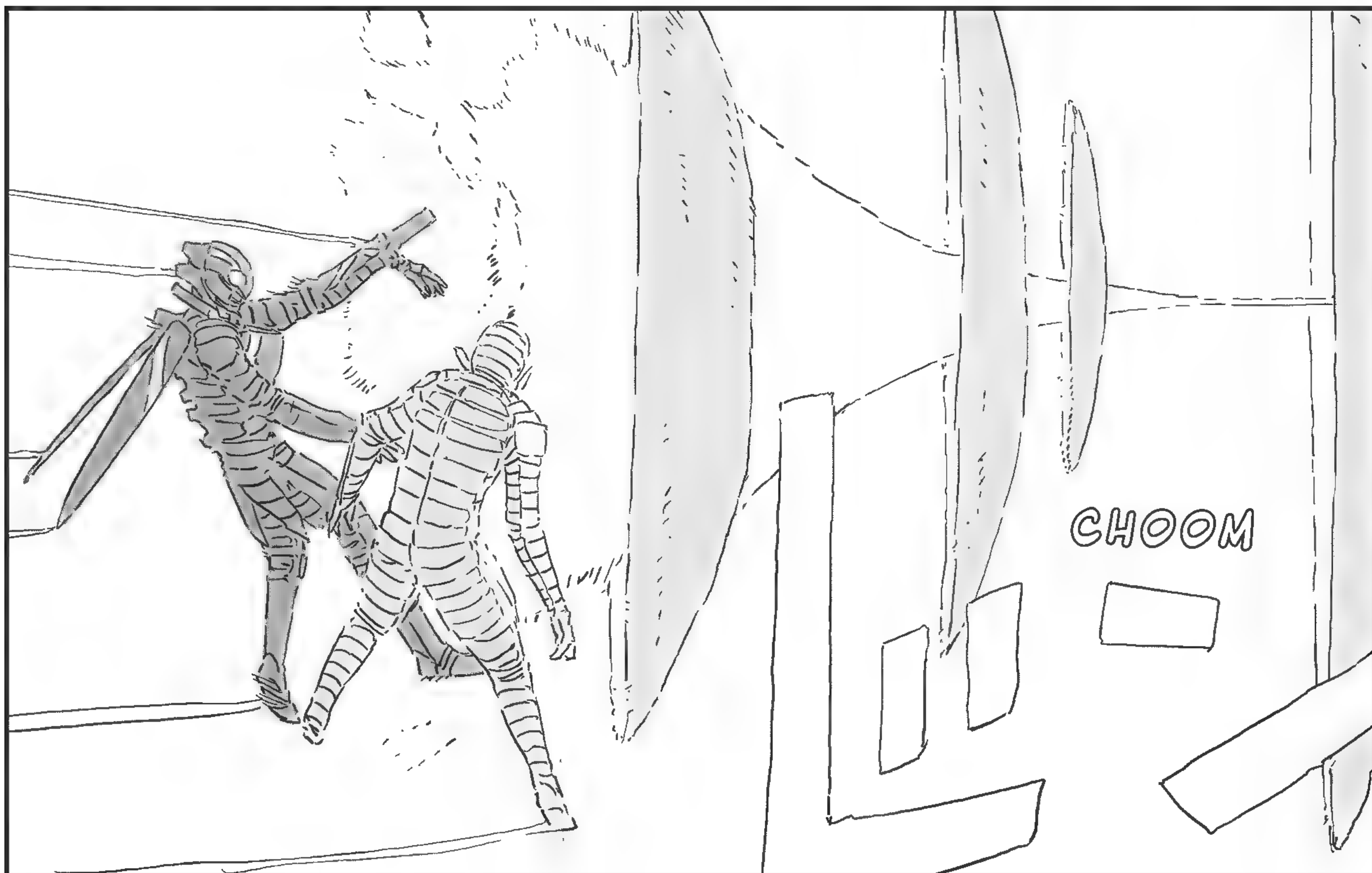
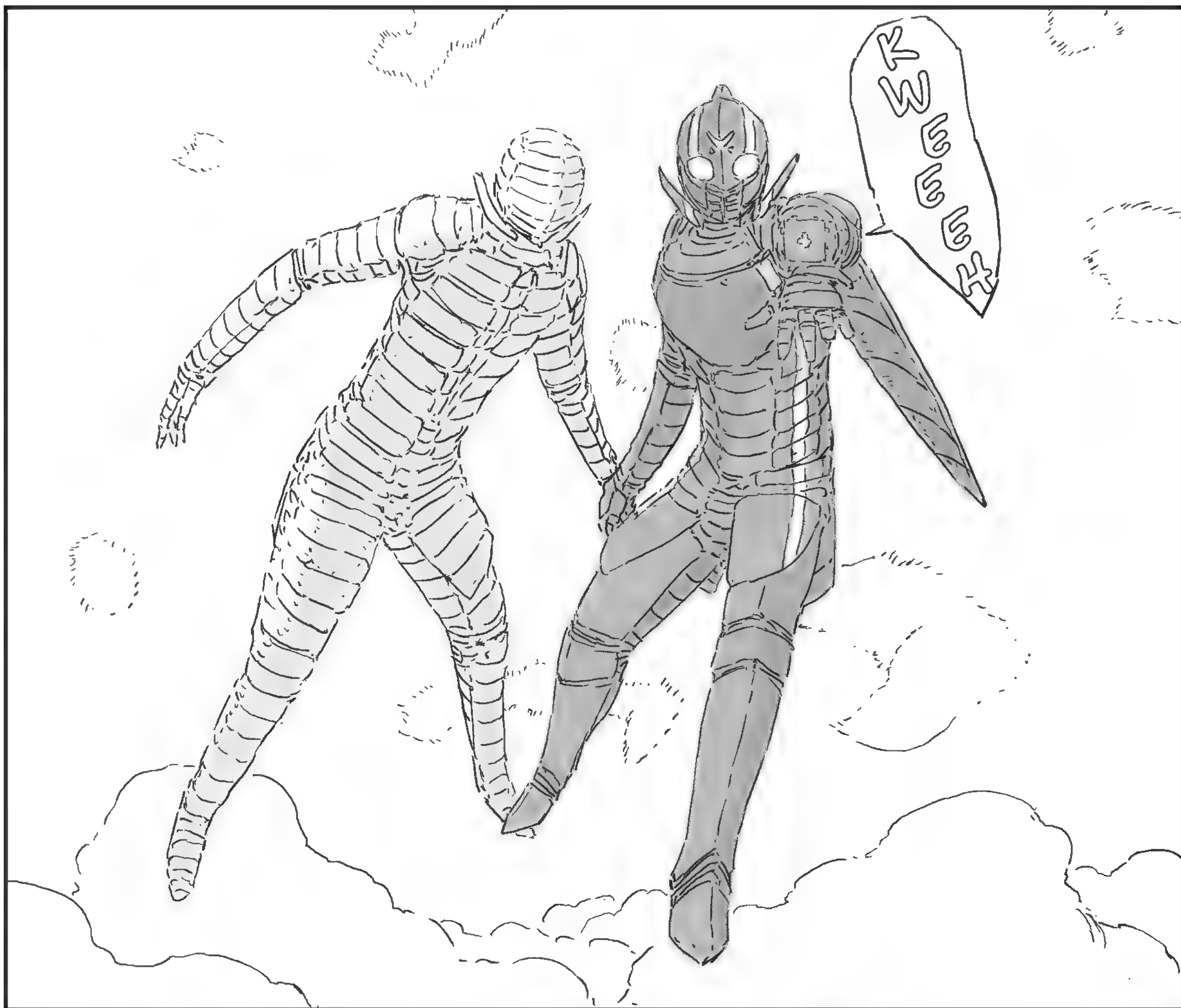


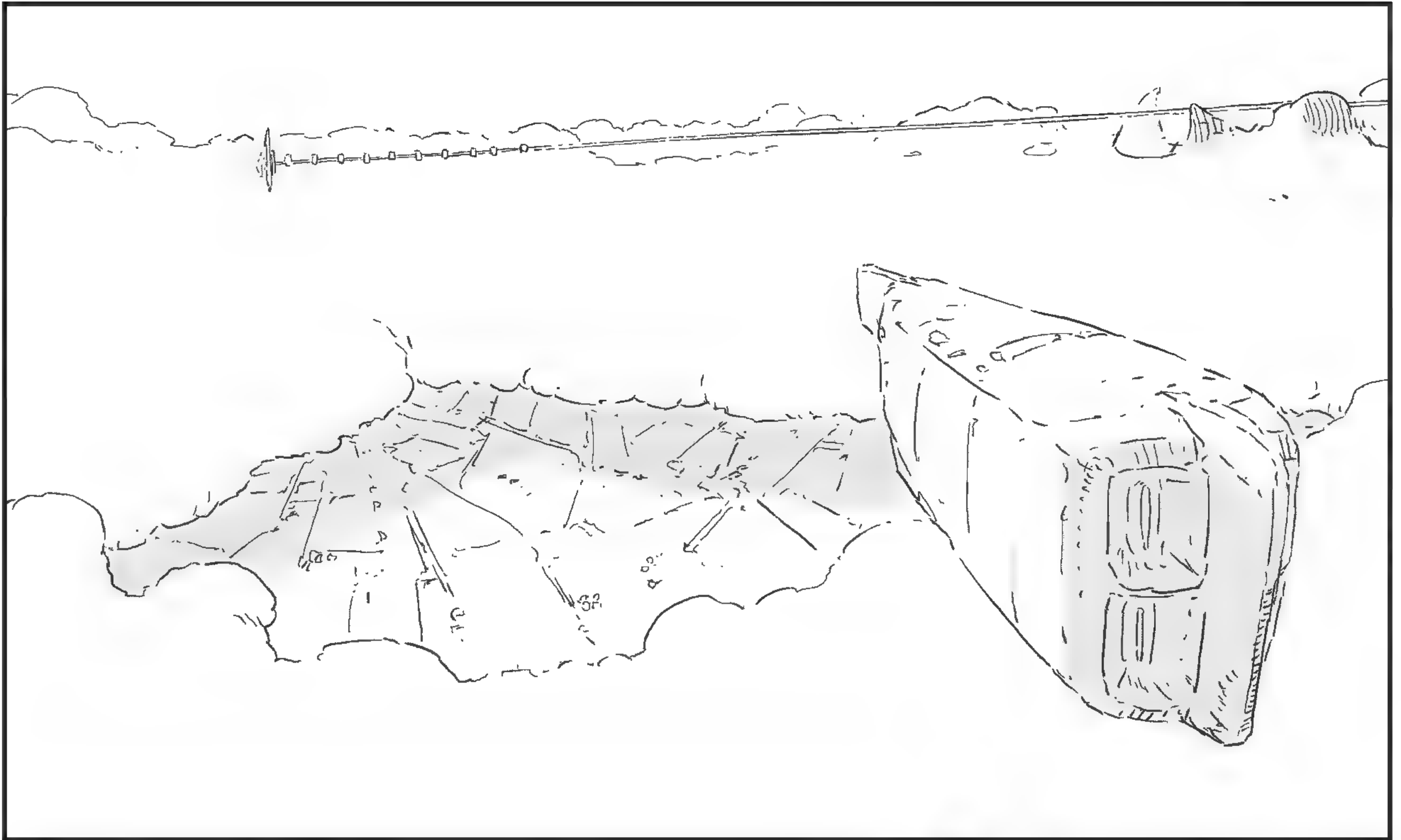


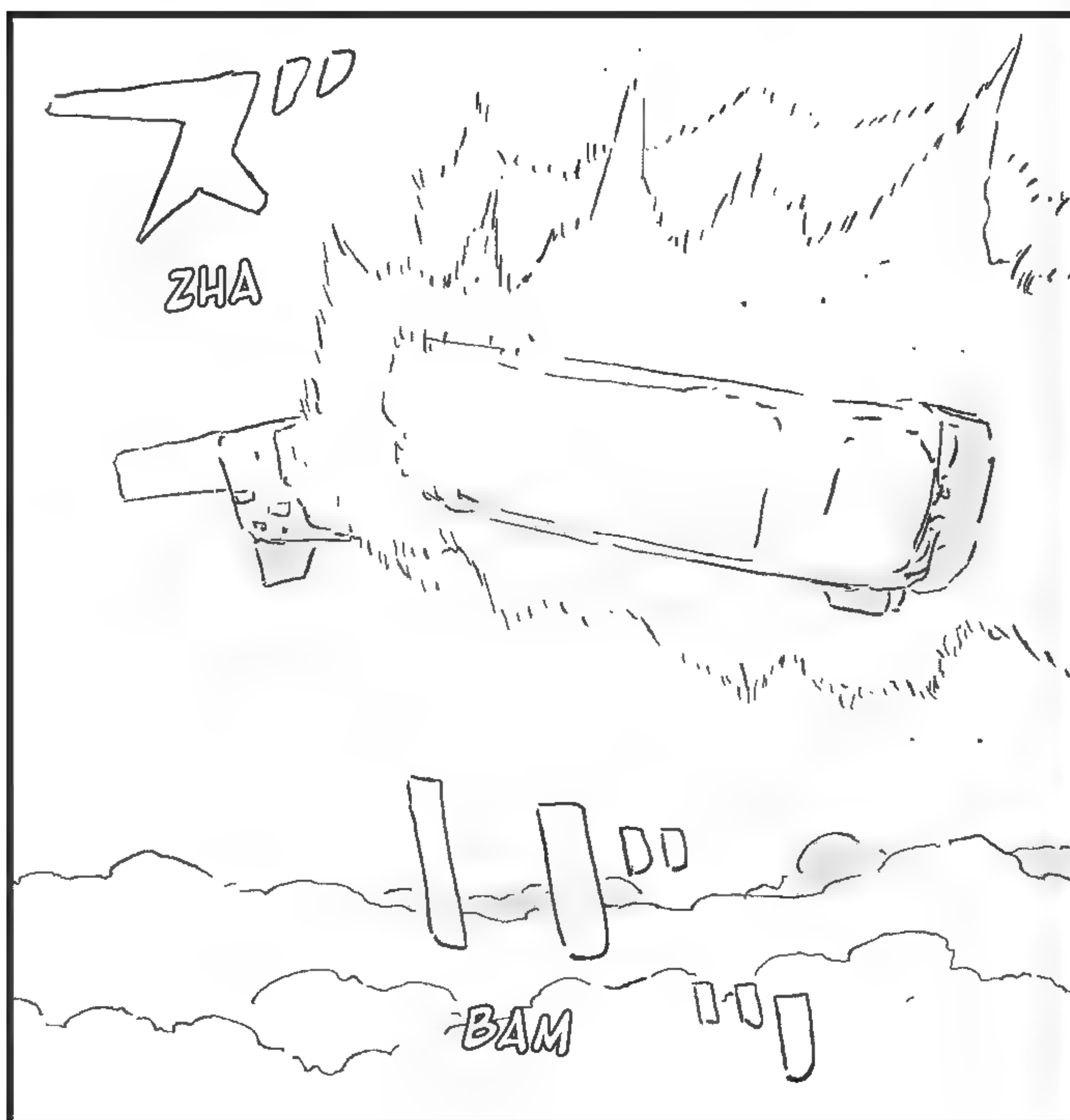
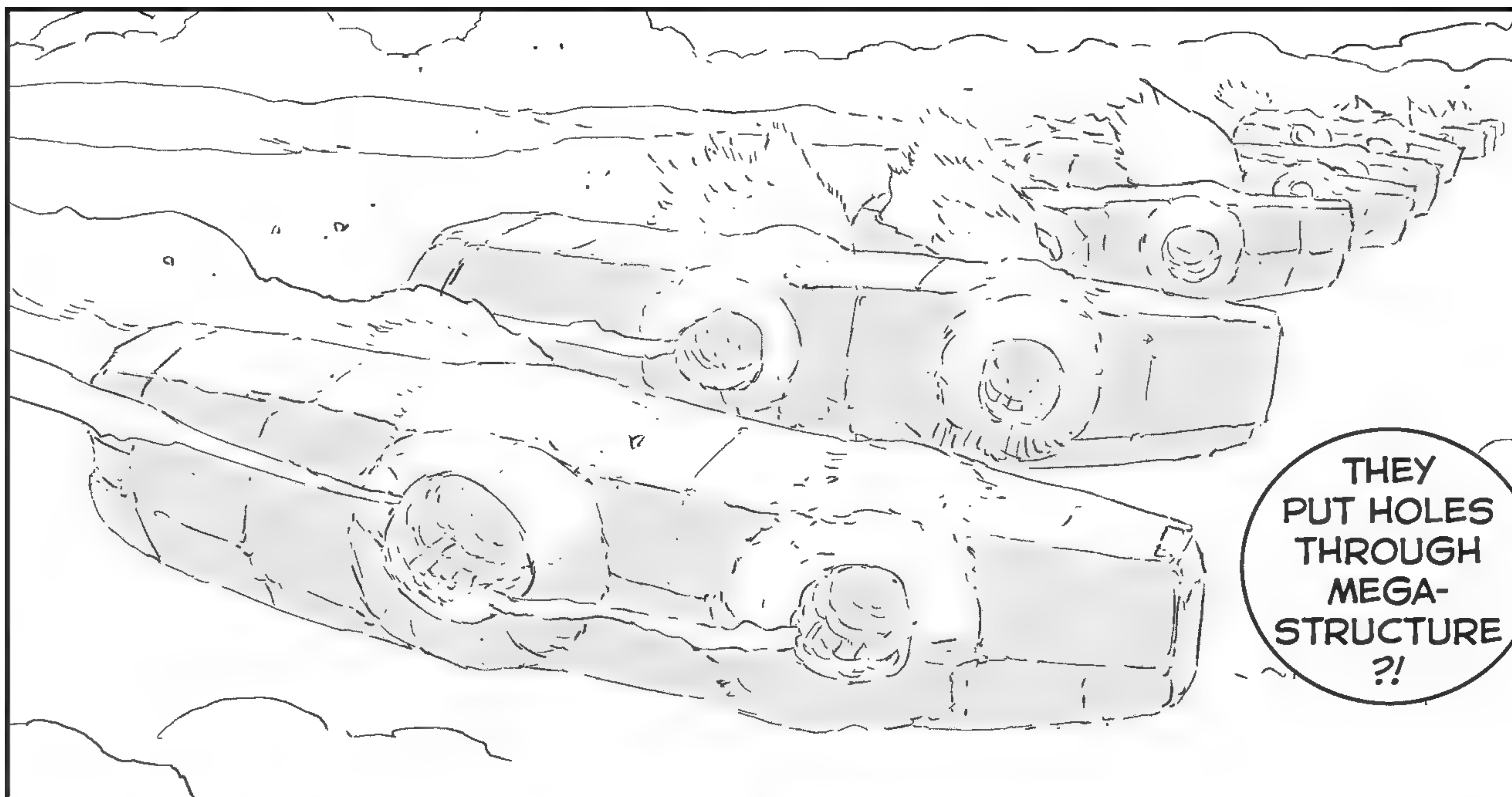


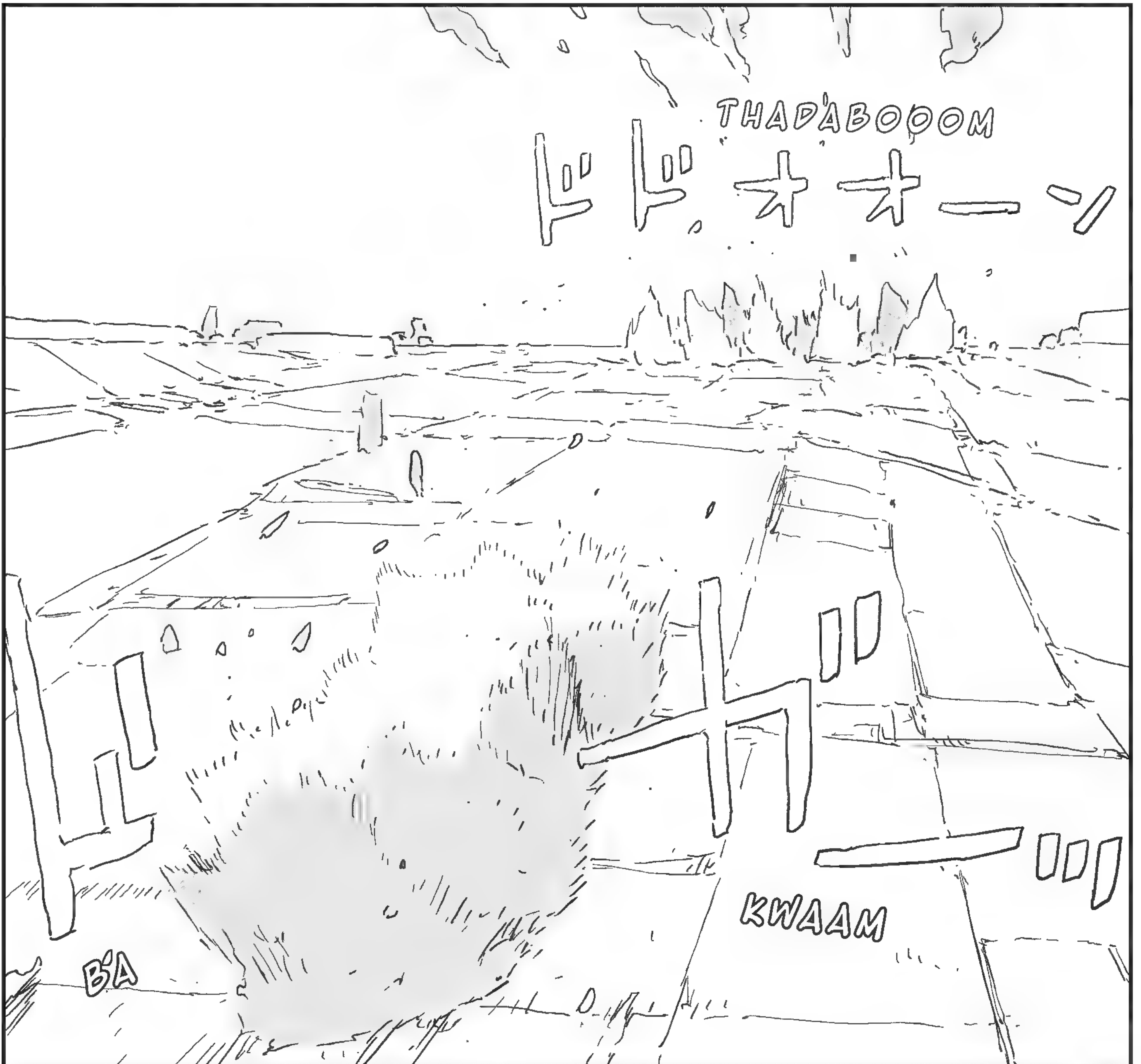
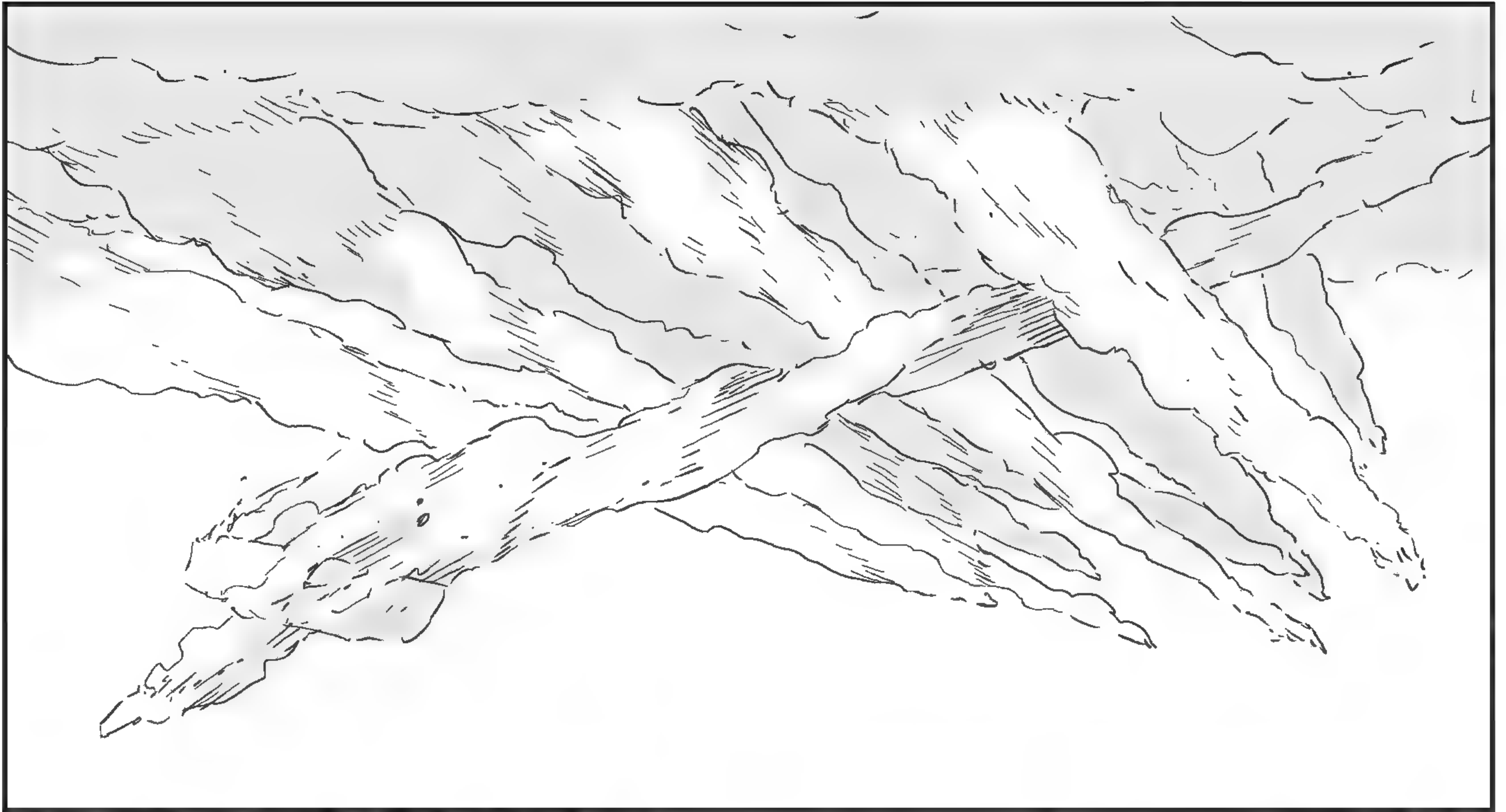


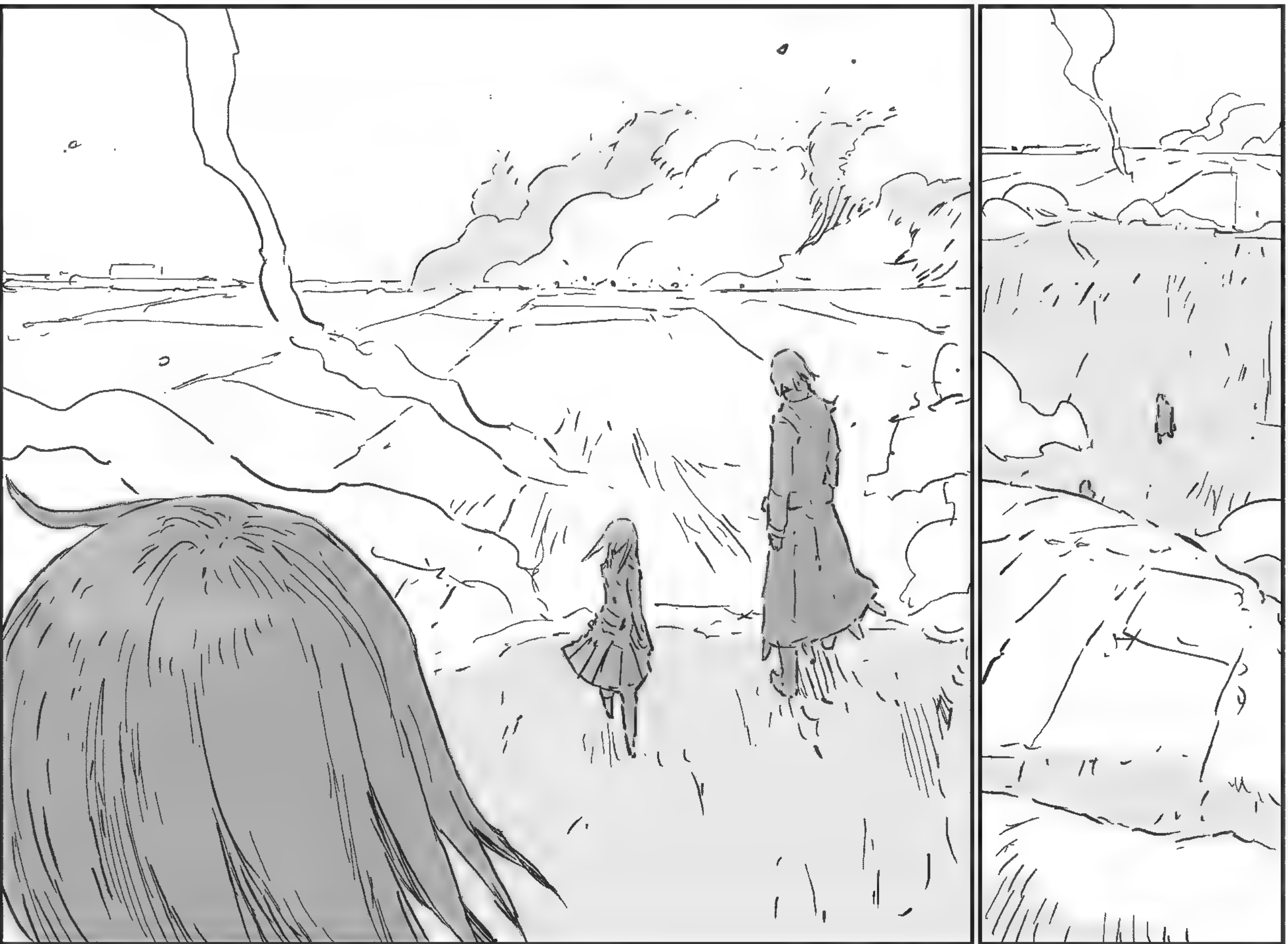
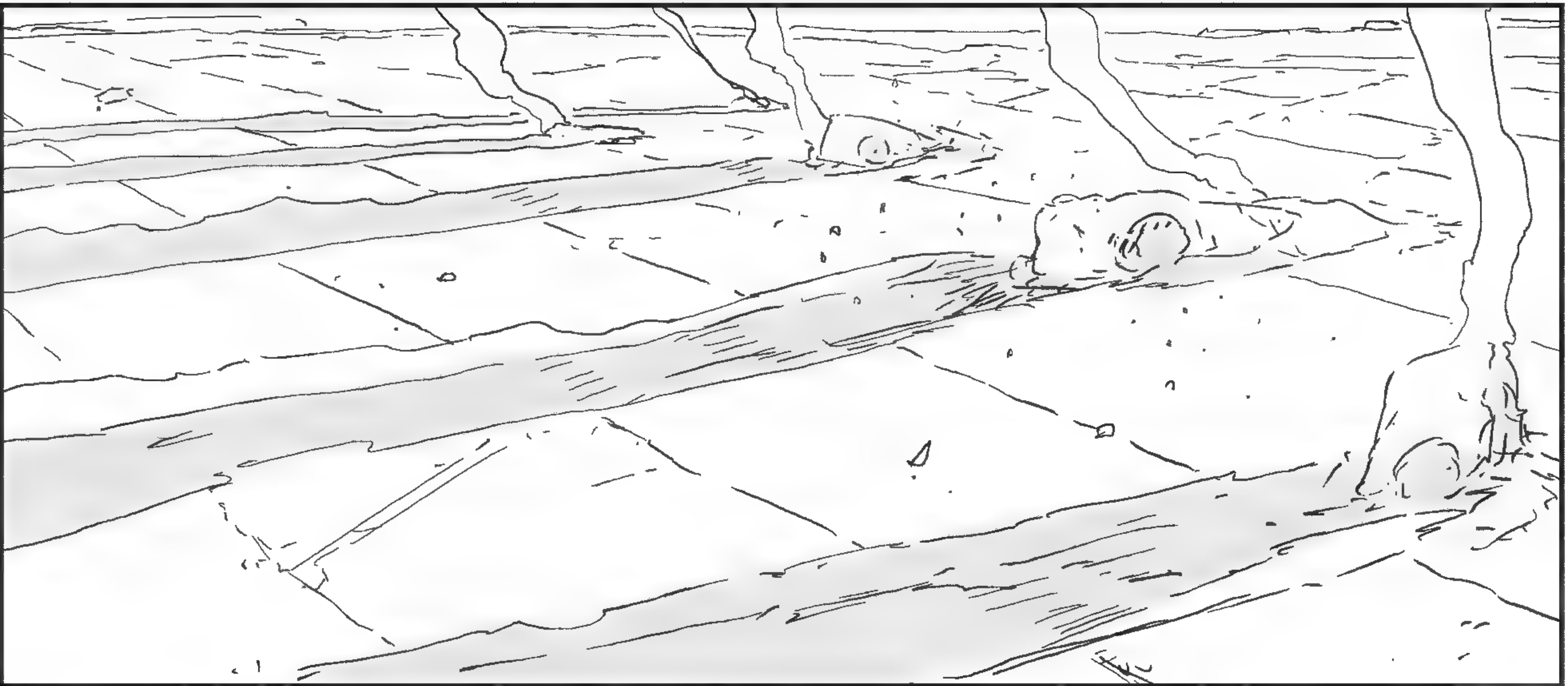


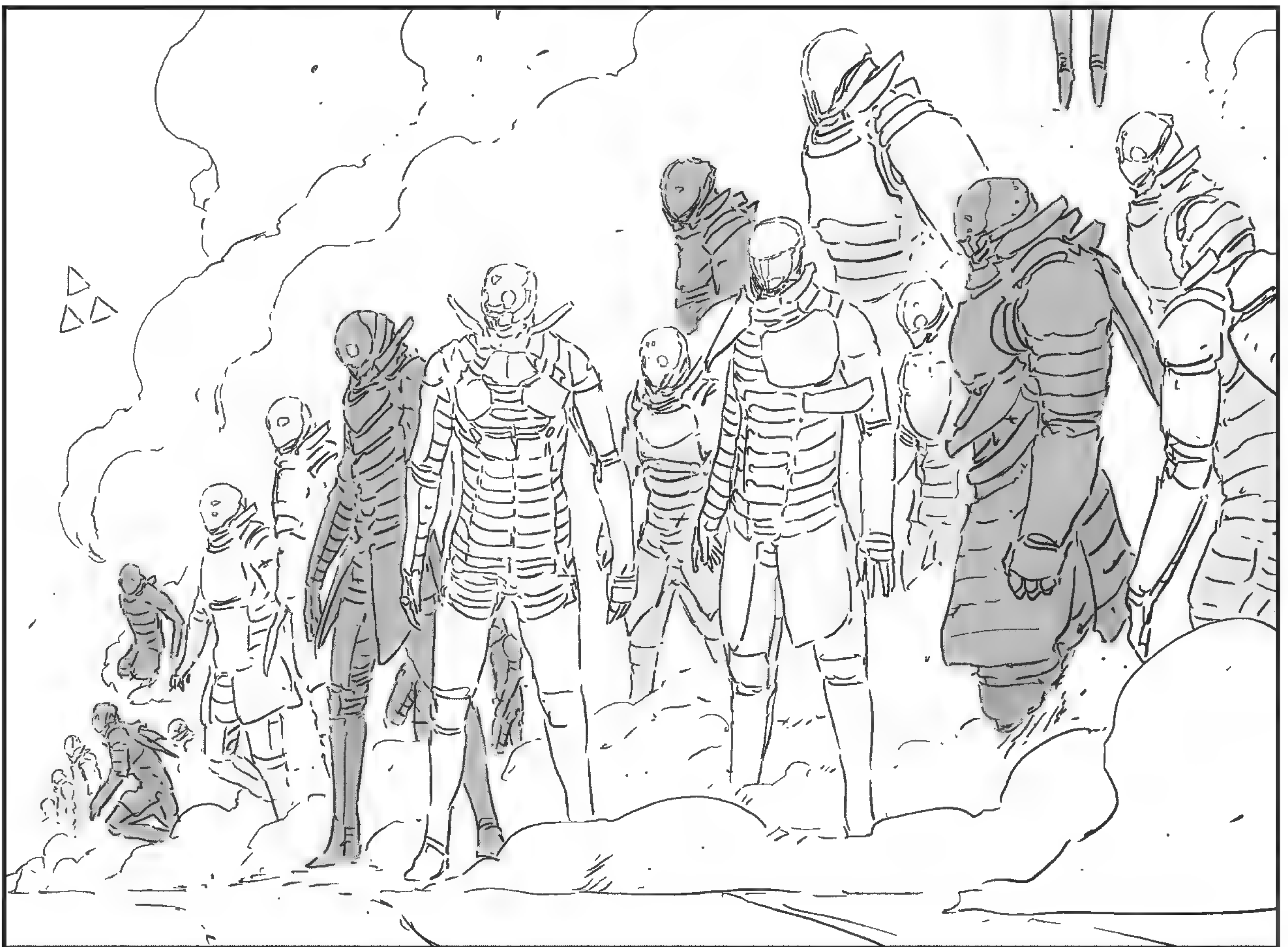
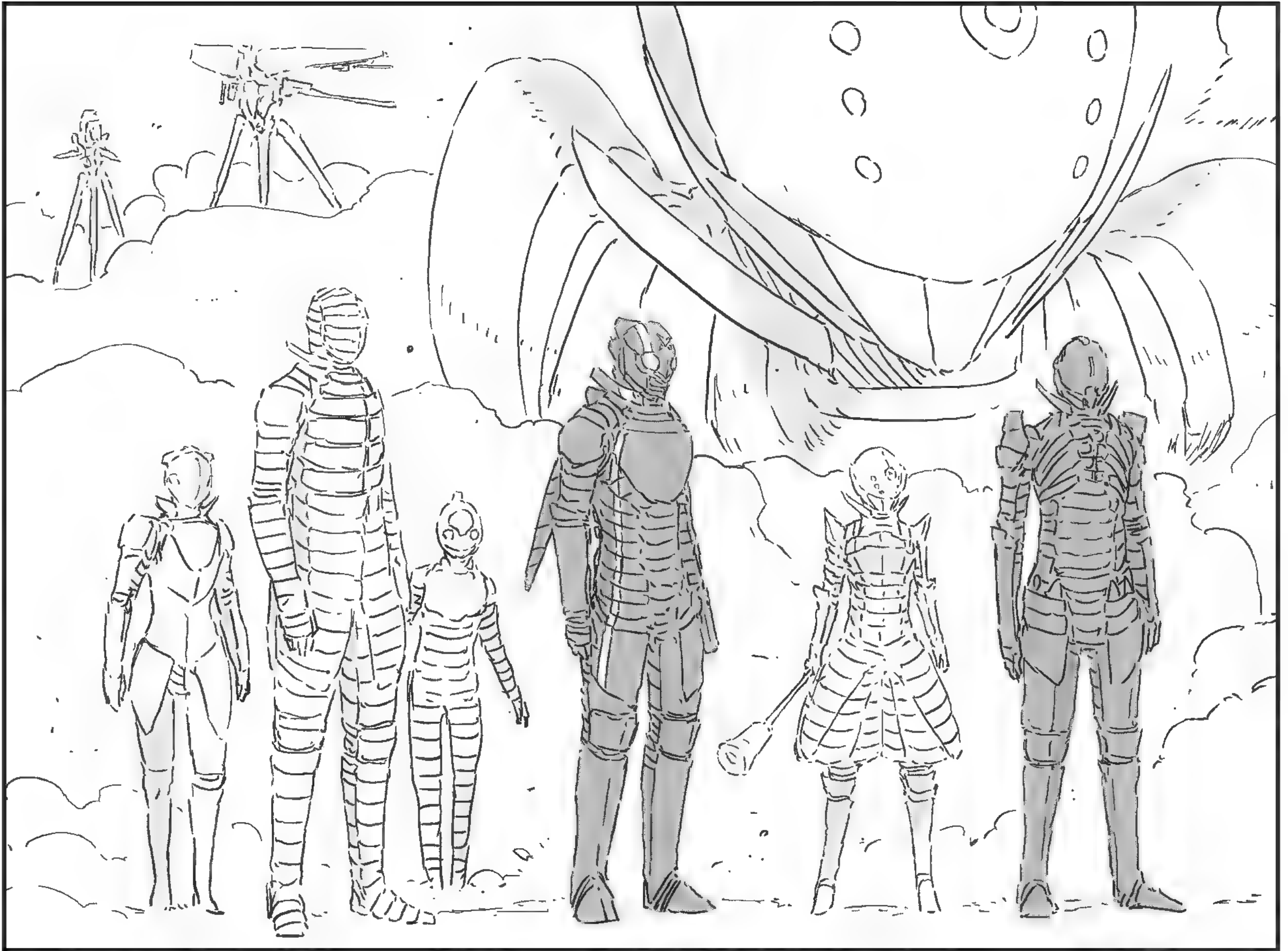


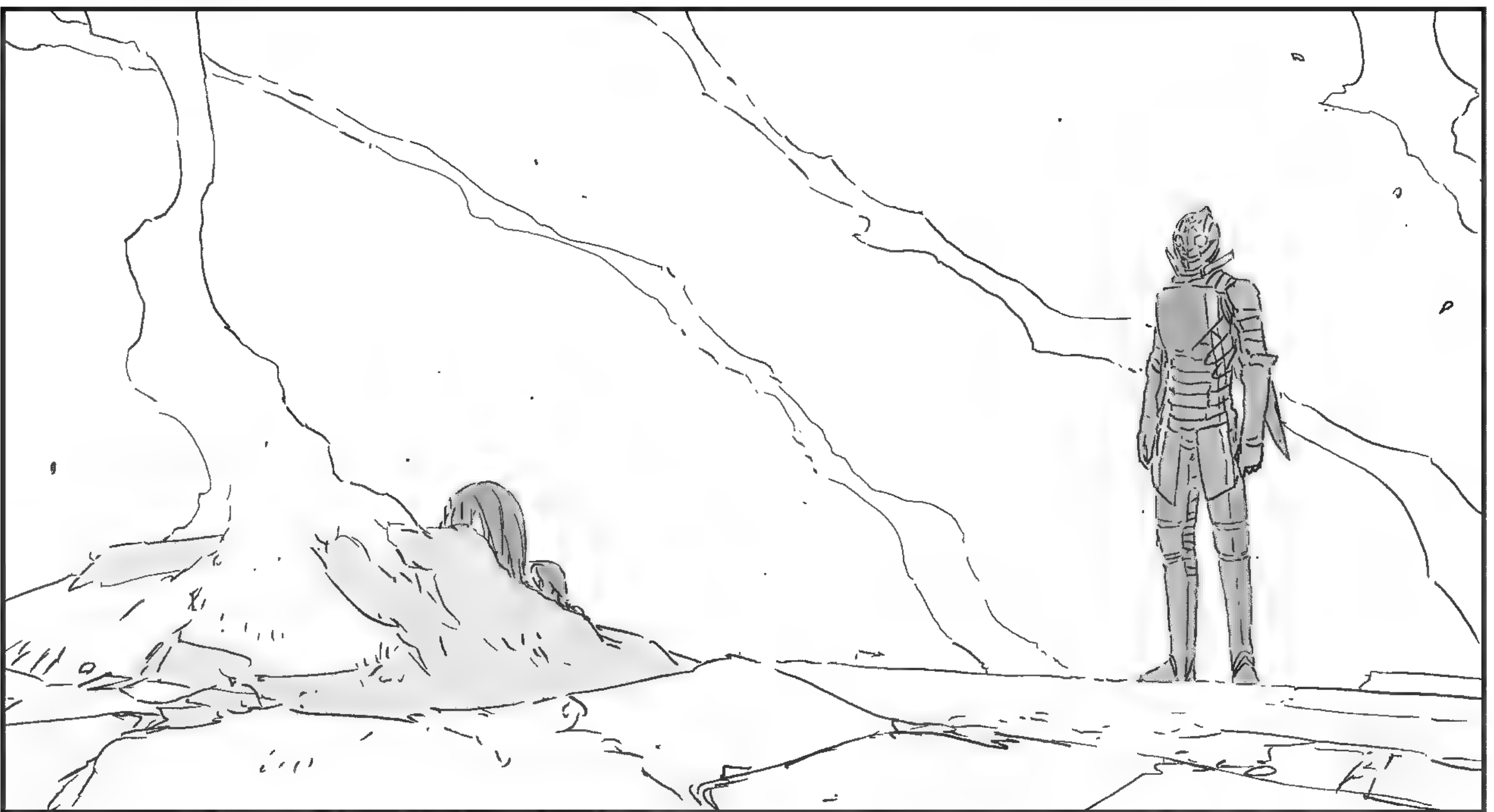
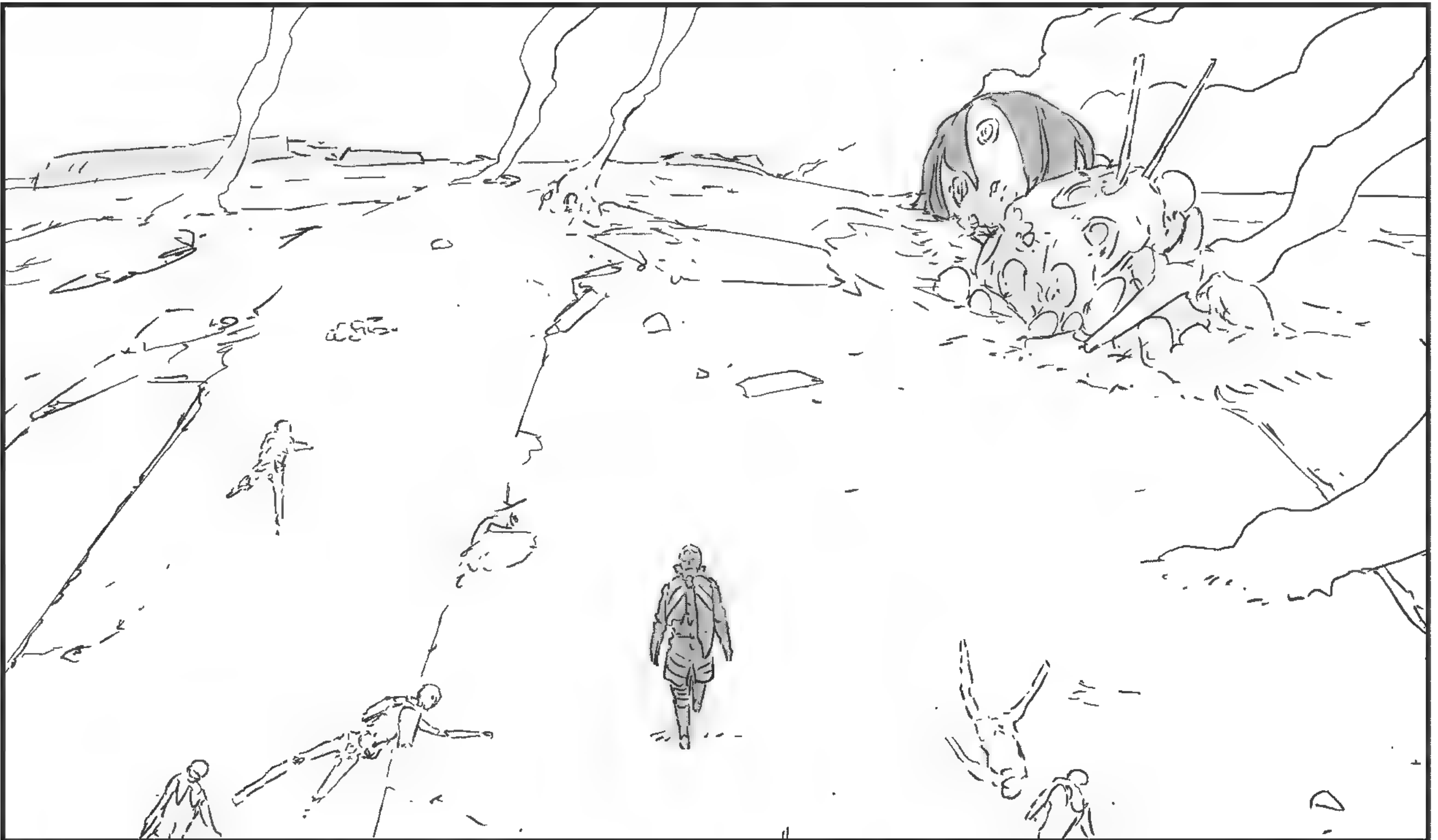
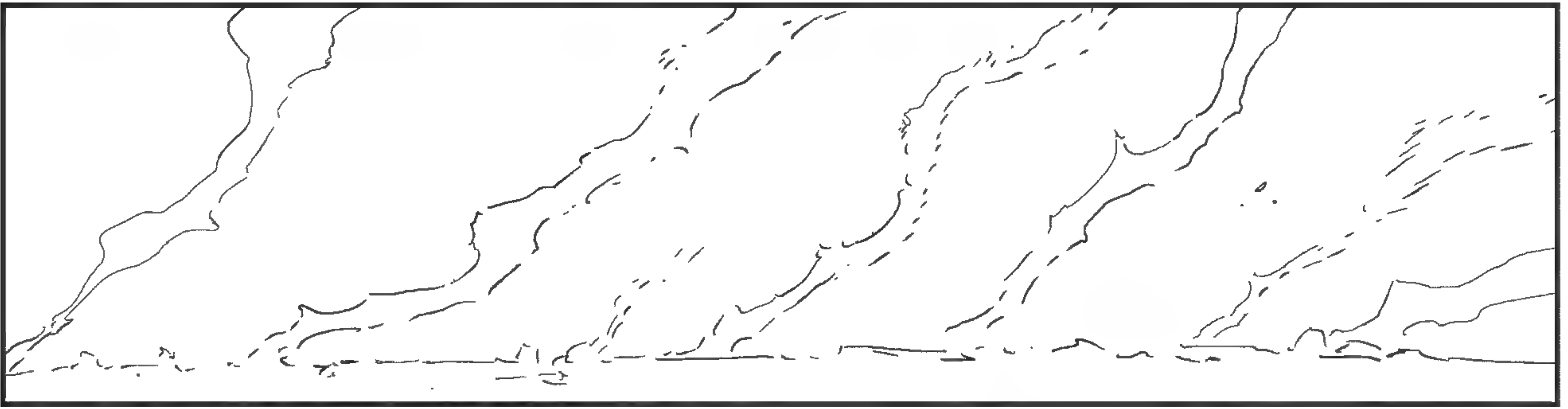


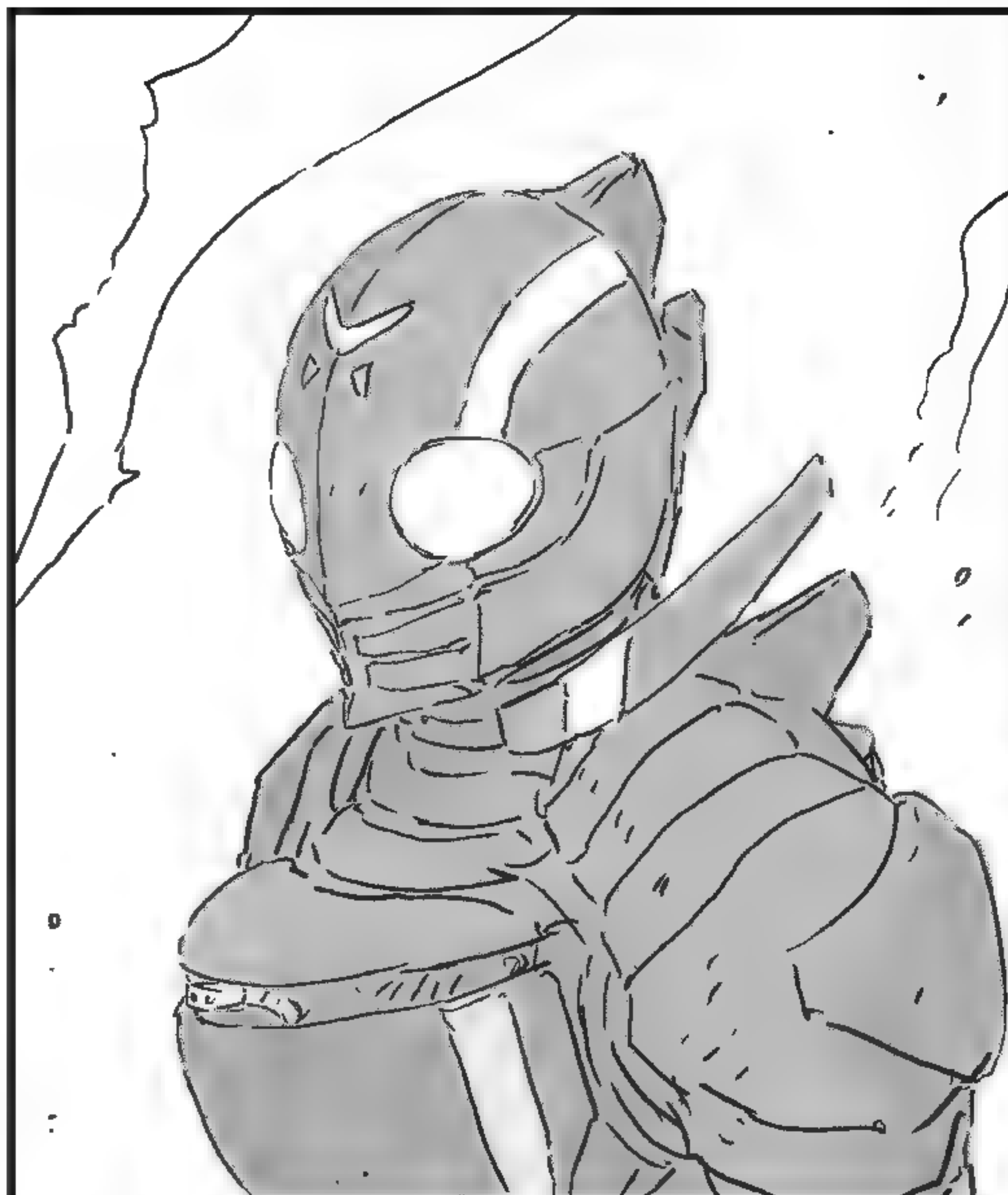






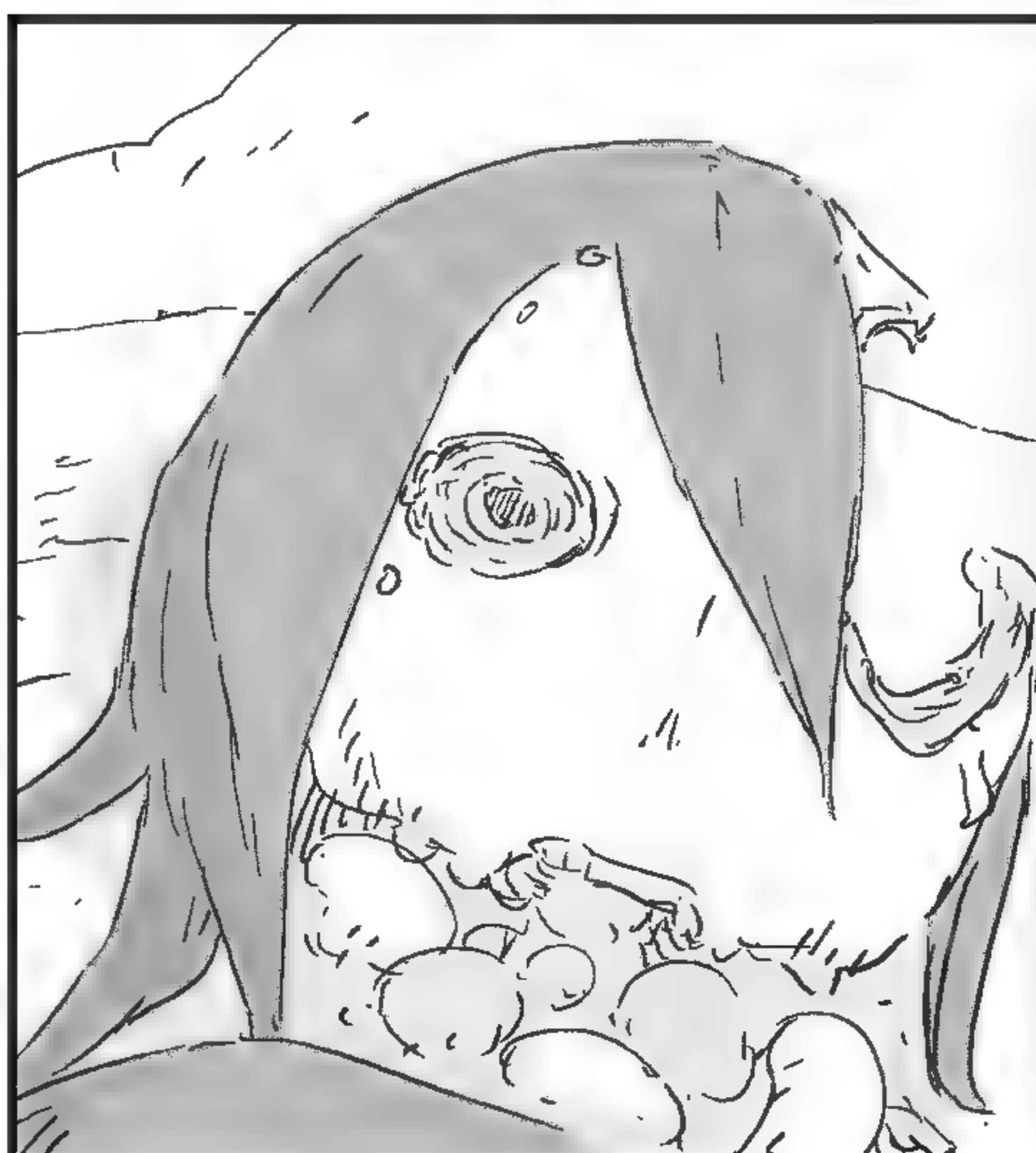






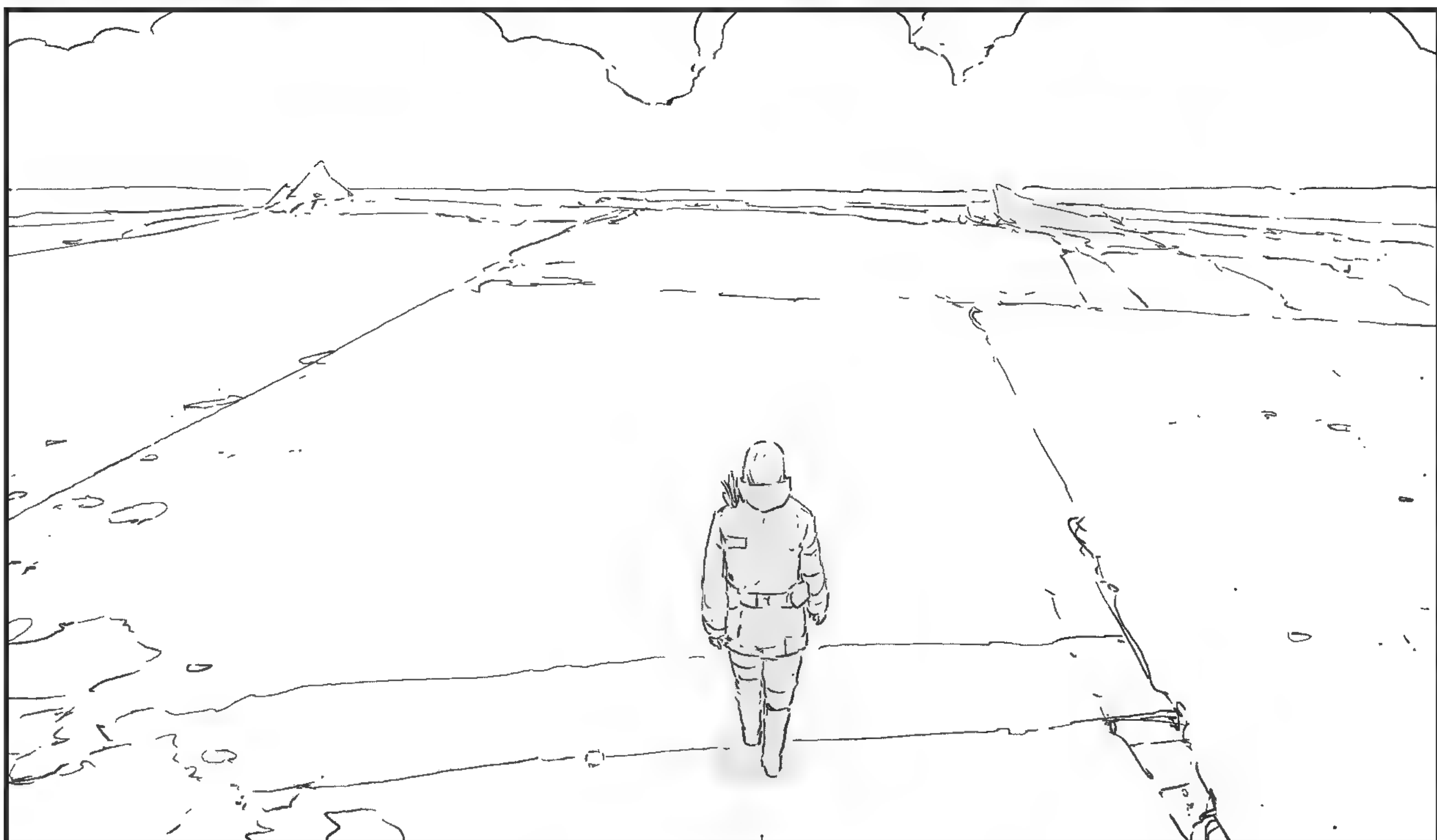
...
ETHEROW
?

YOU...
YOU'RE
ALIVE...



...I WILL HAVE
TO APOLOGIZE
TO THE
PEOPLE OF THE
WHITE DIAMOND
BEAM...

IN THE
NEXT
LIFE...



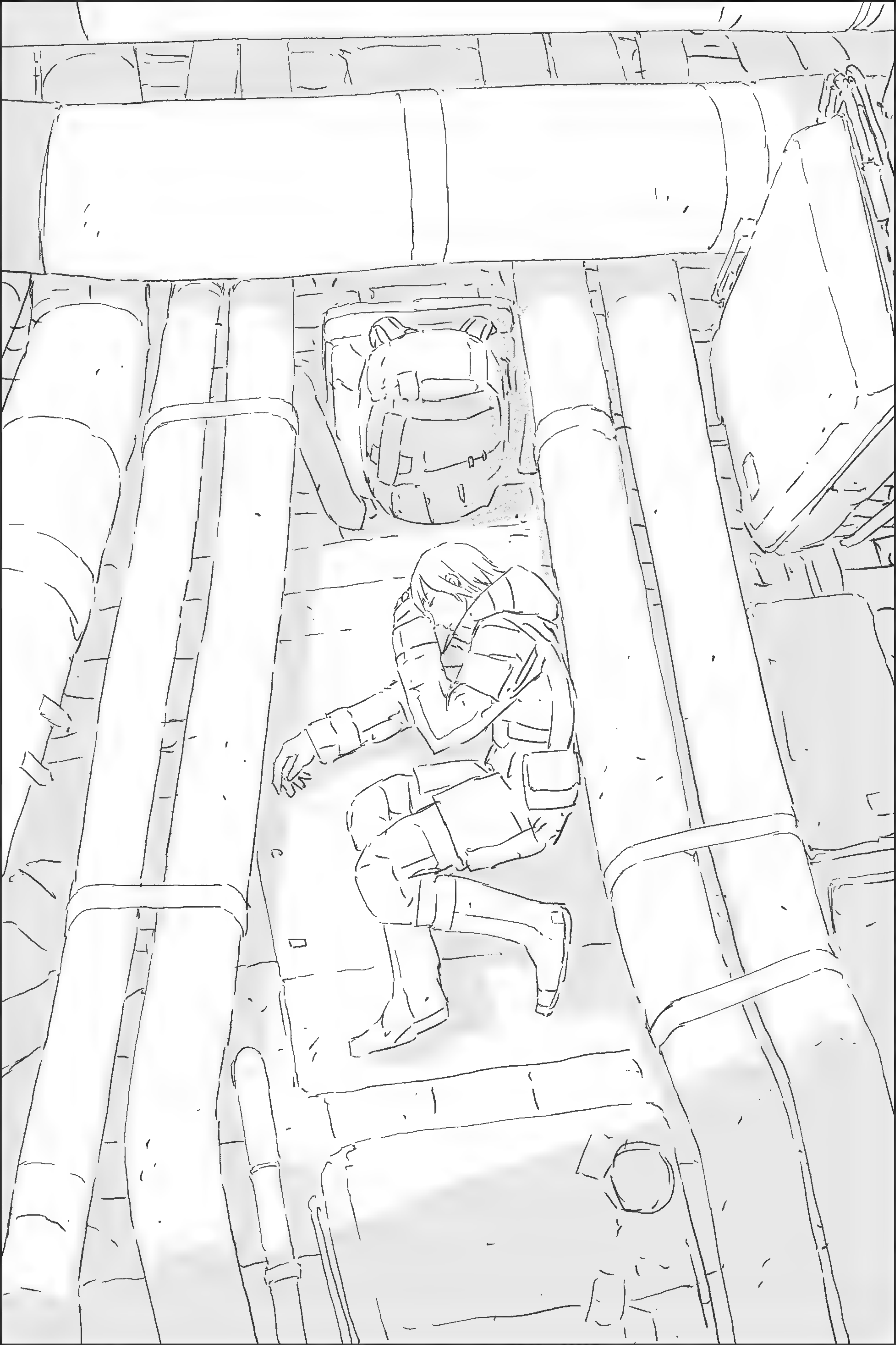
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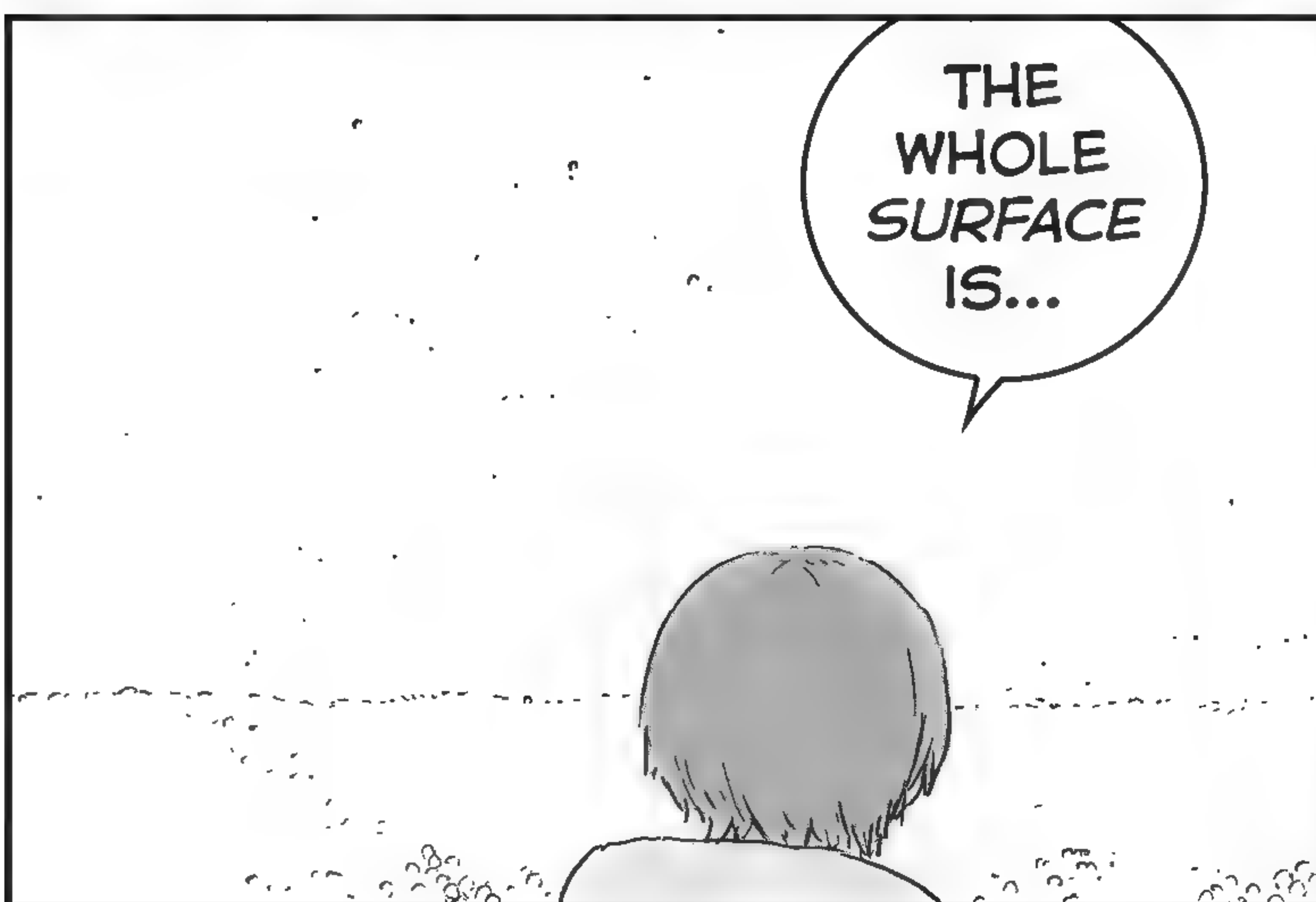
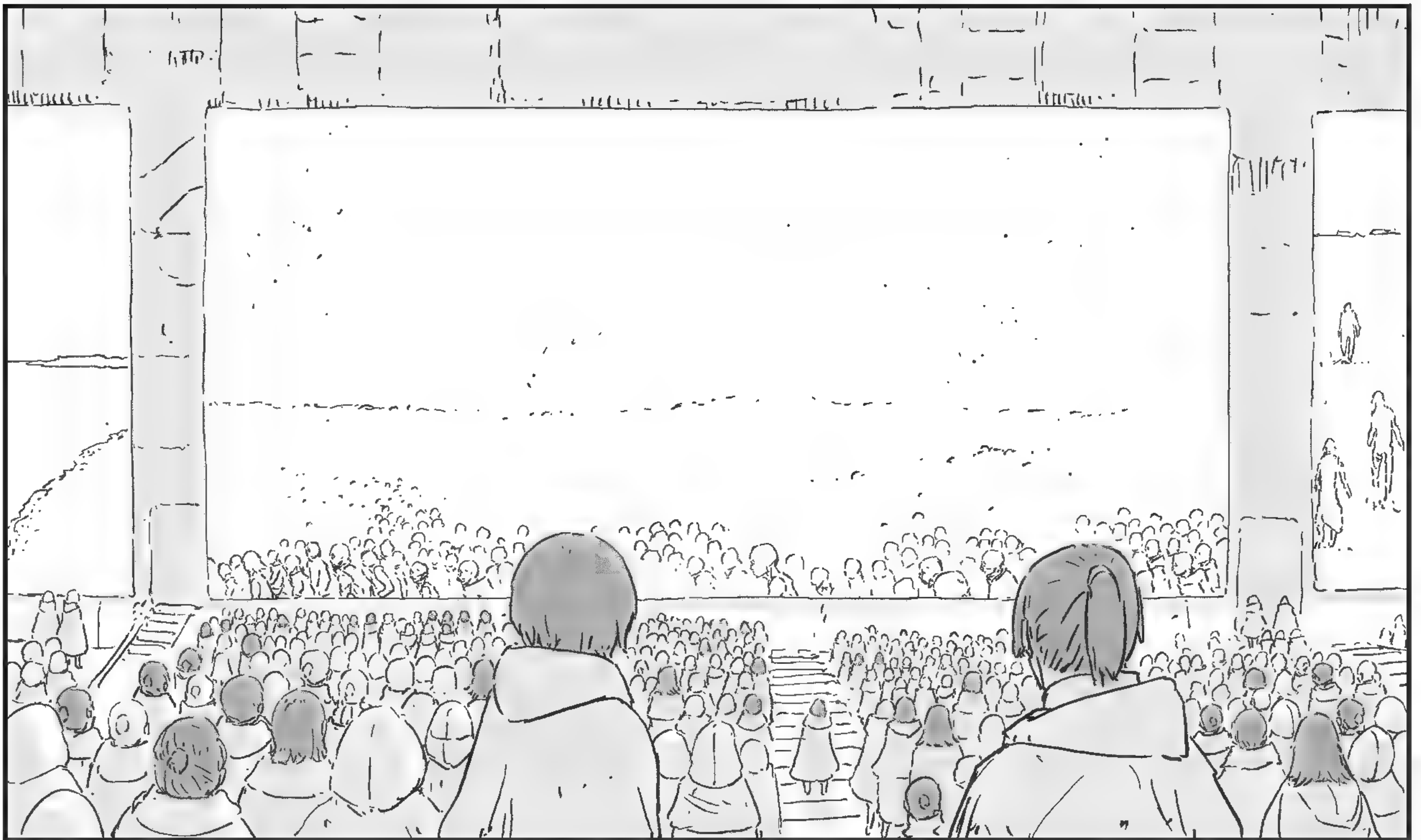
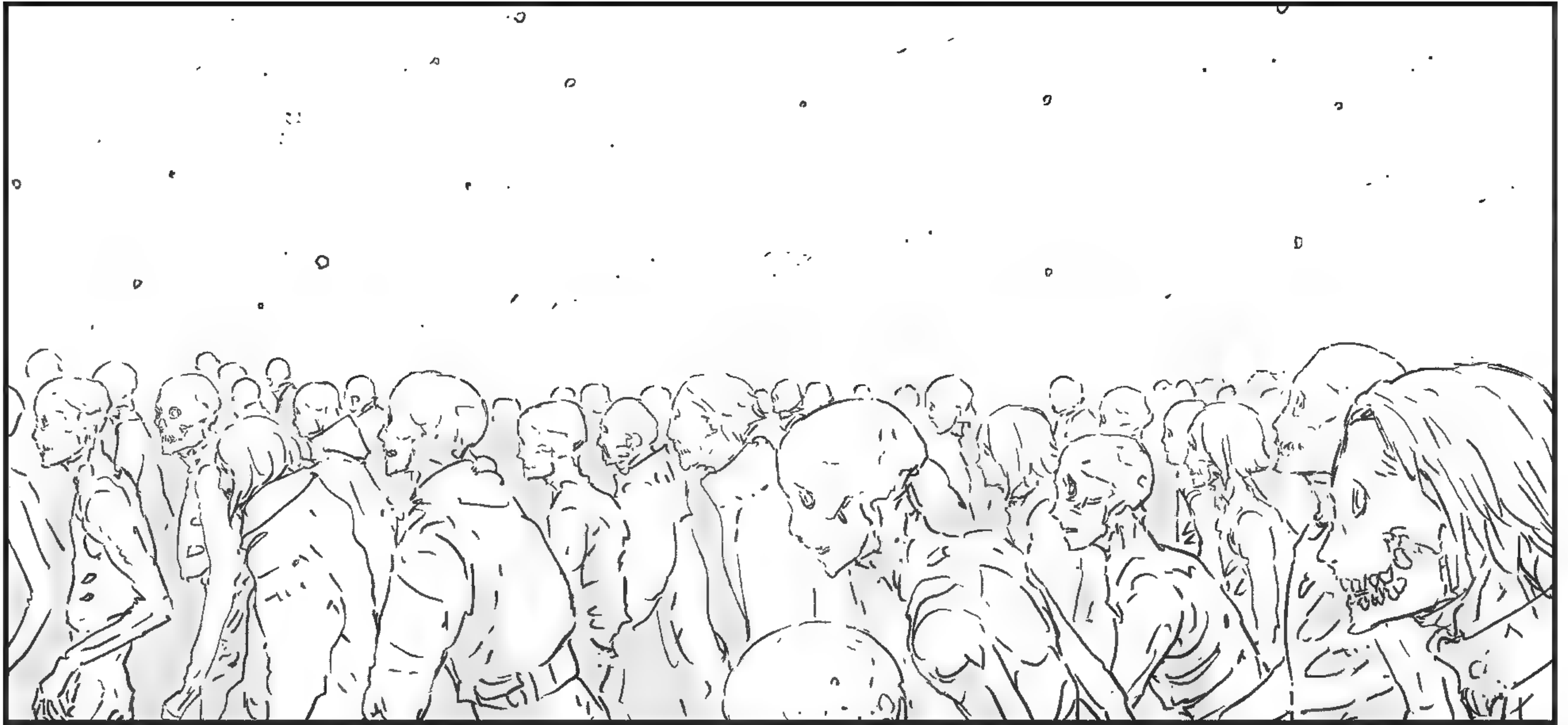
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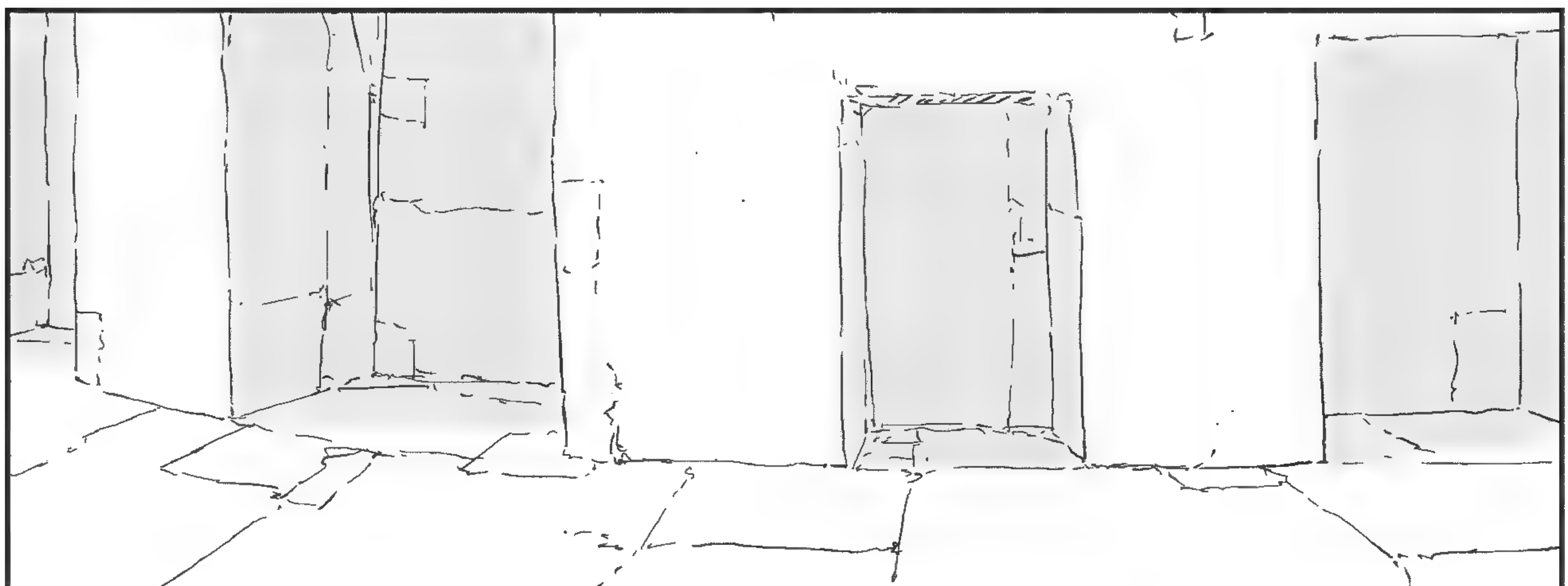
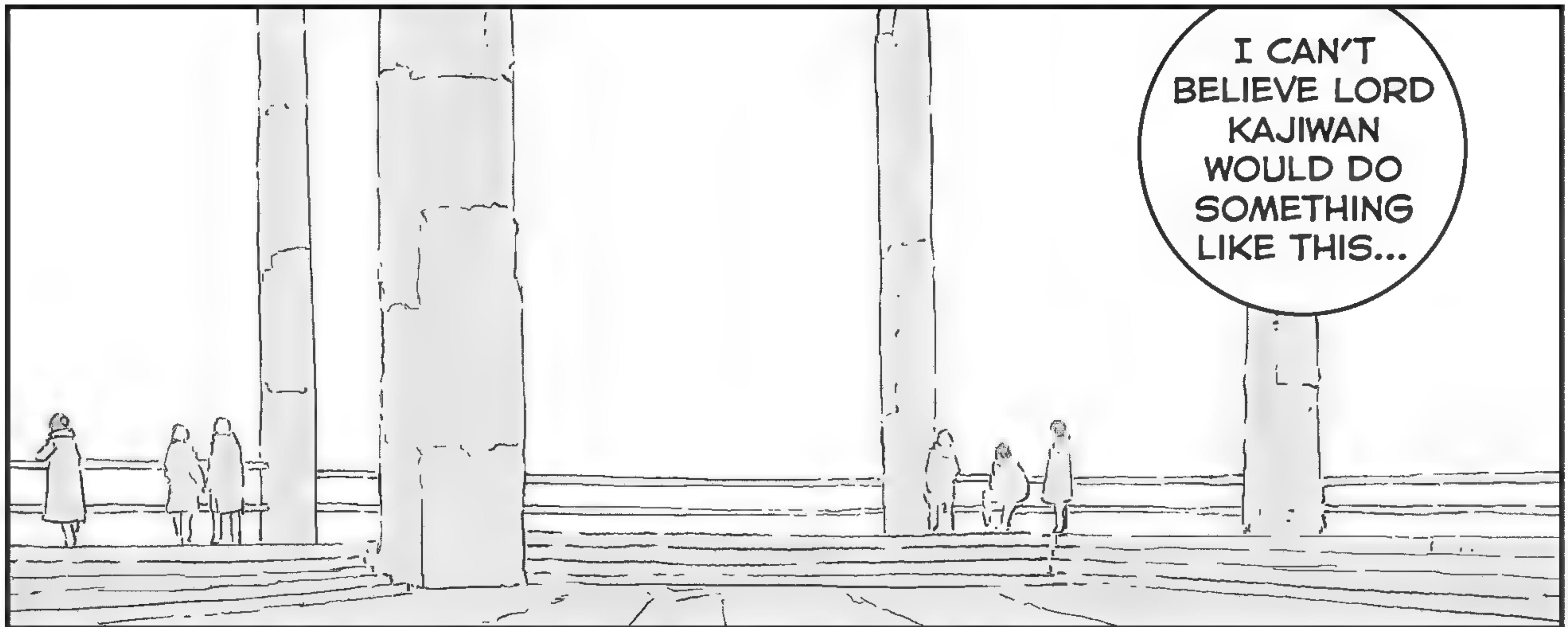


THE
WHOLE
SURFACE
IS...

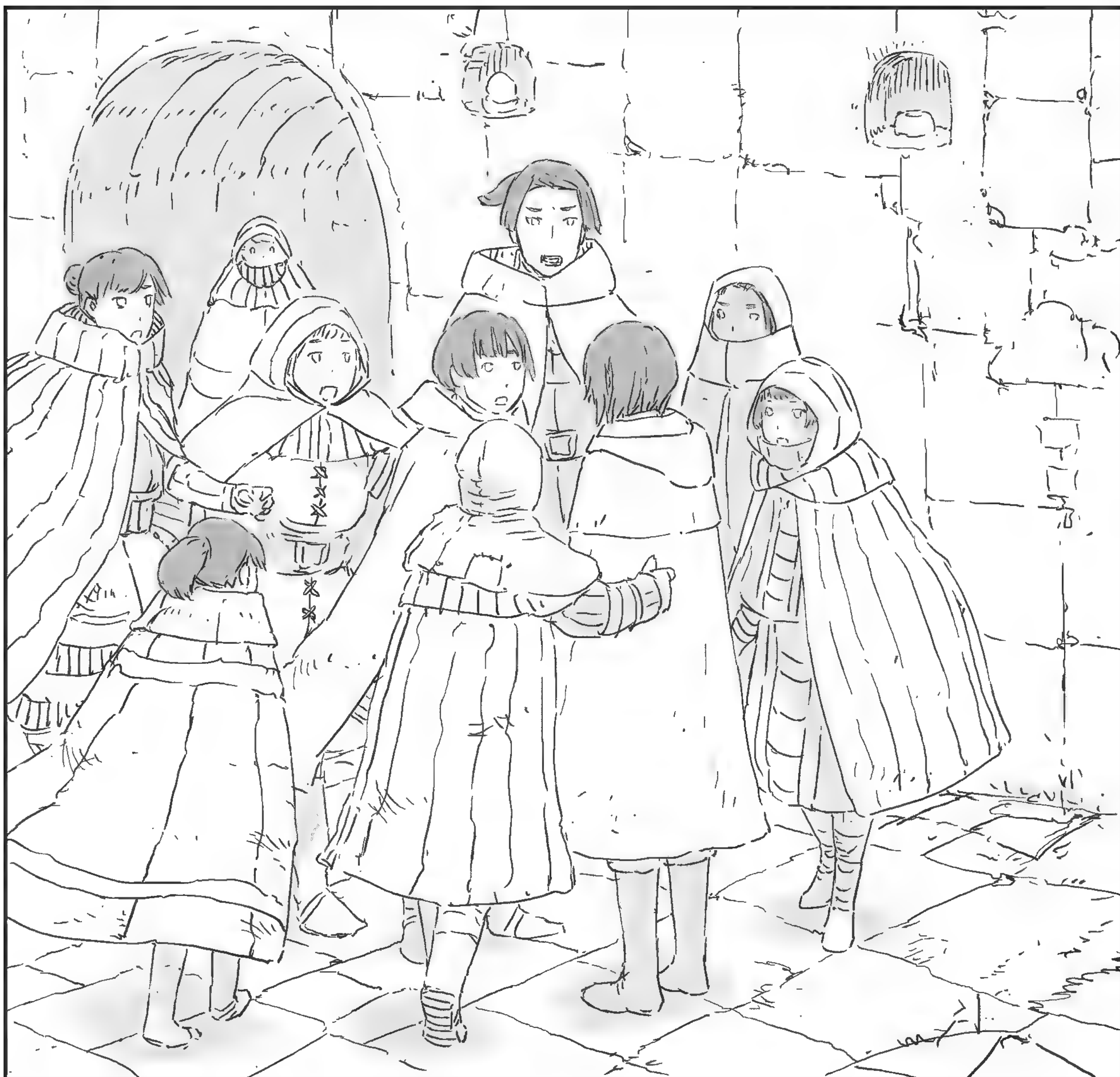


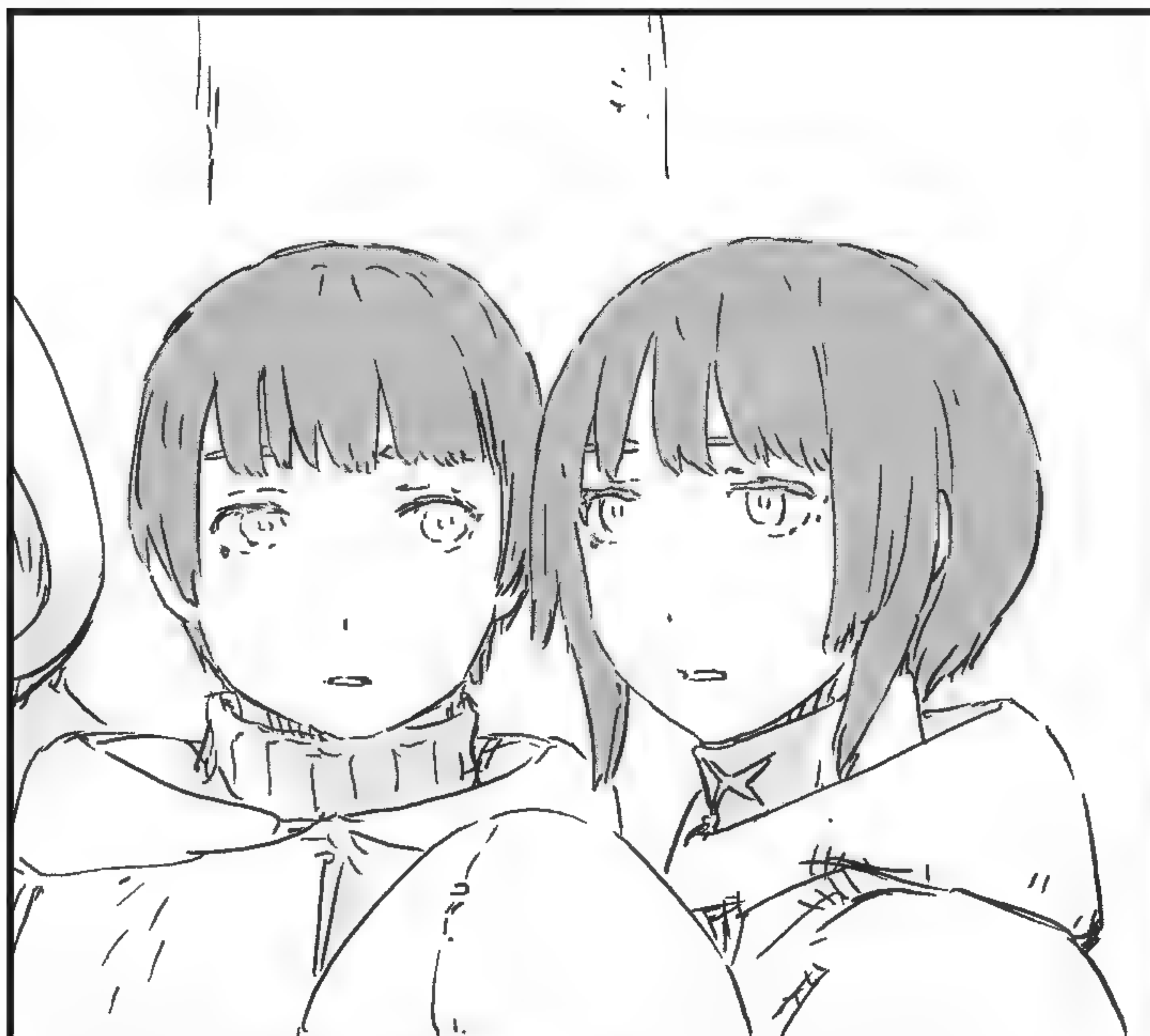
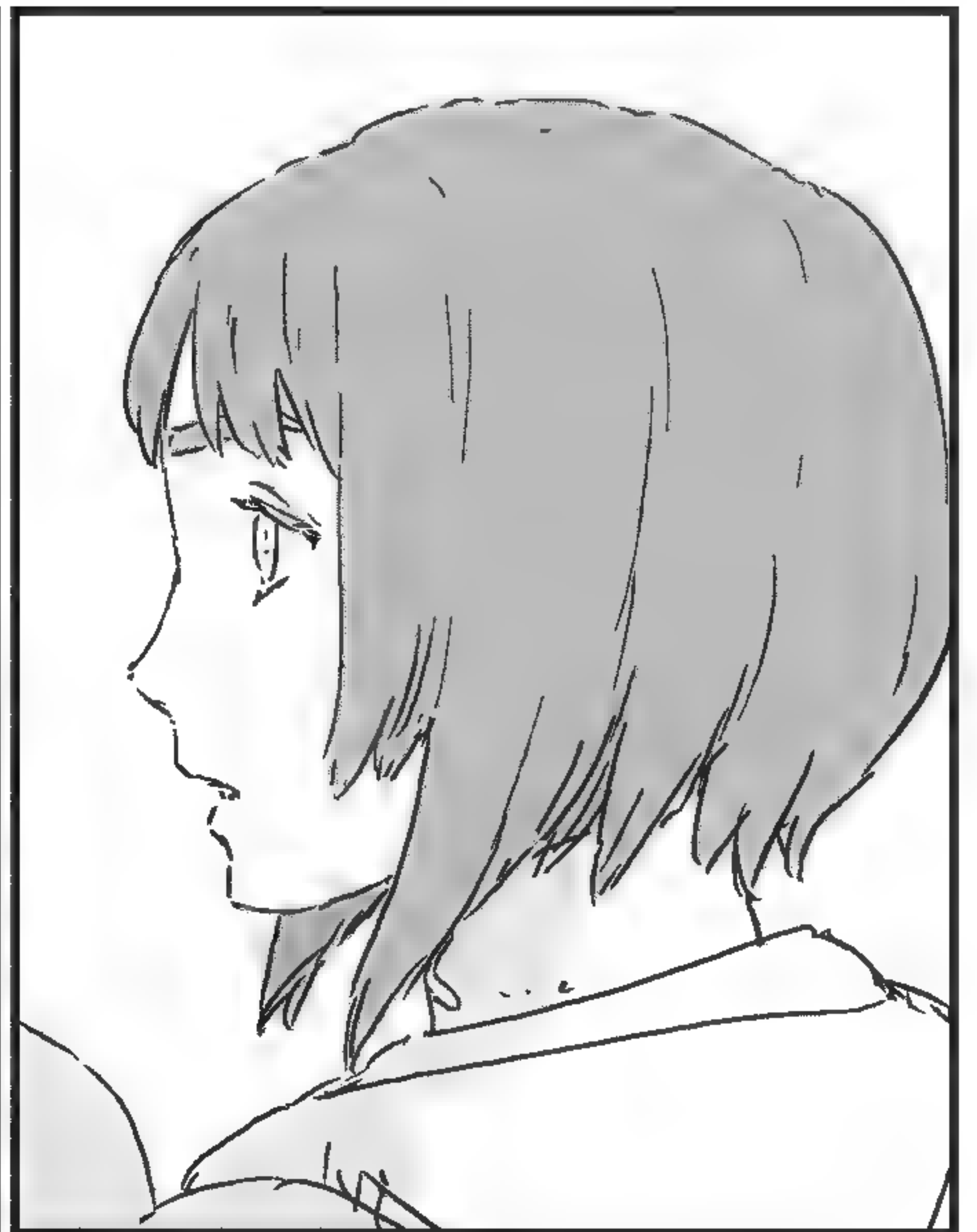
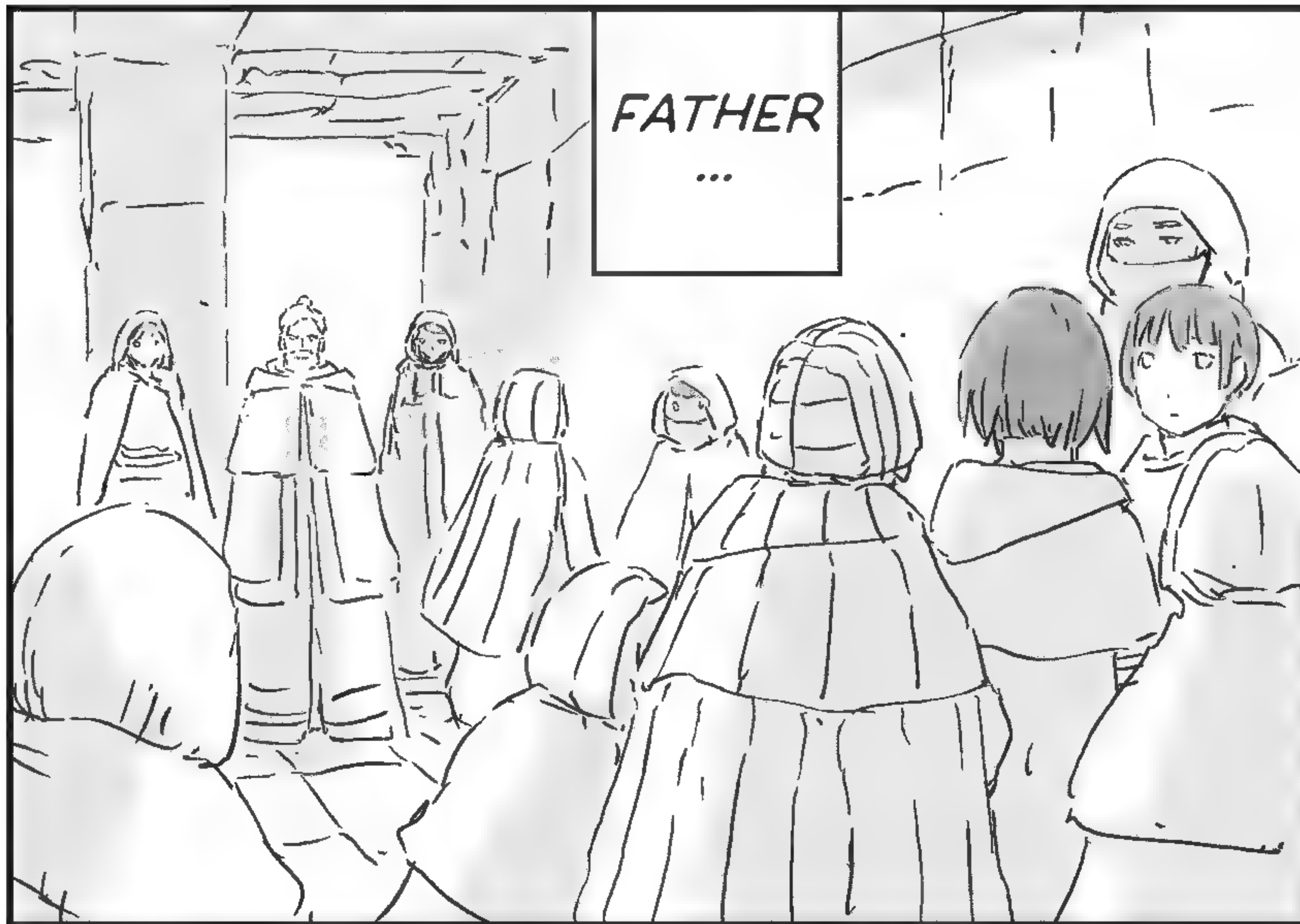
EVERY
CAMERA FEED
IS FULL OF
NOTHING BUT
THE INFECTED
...

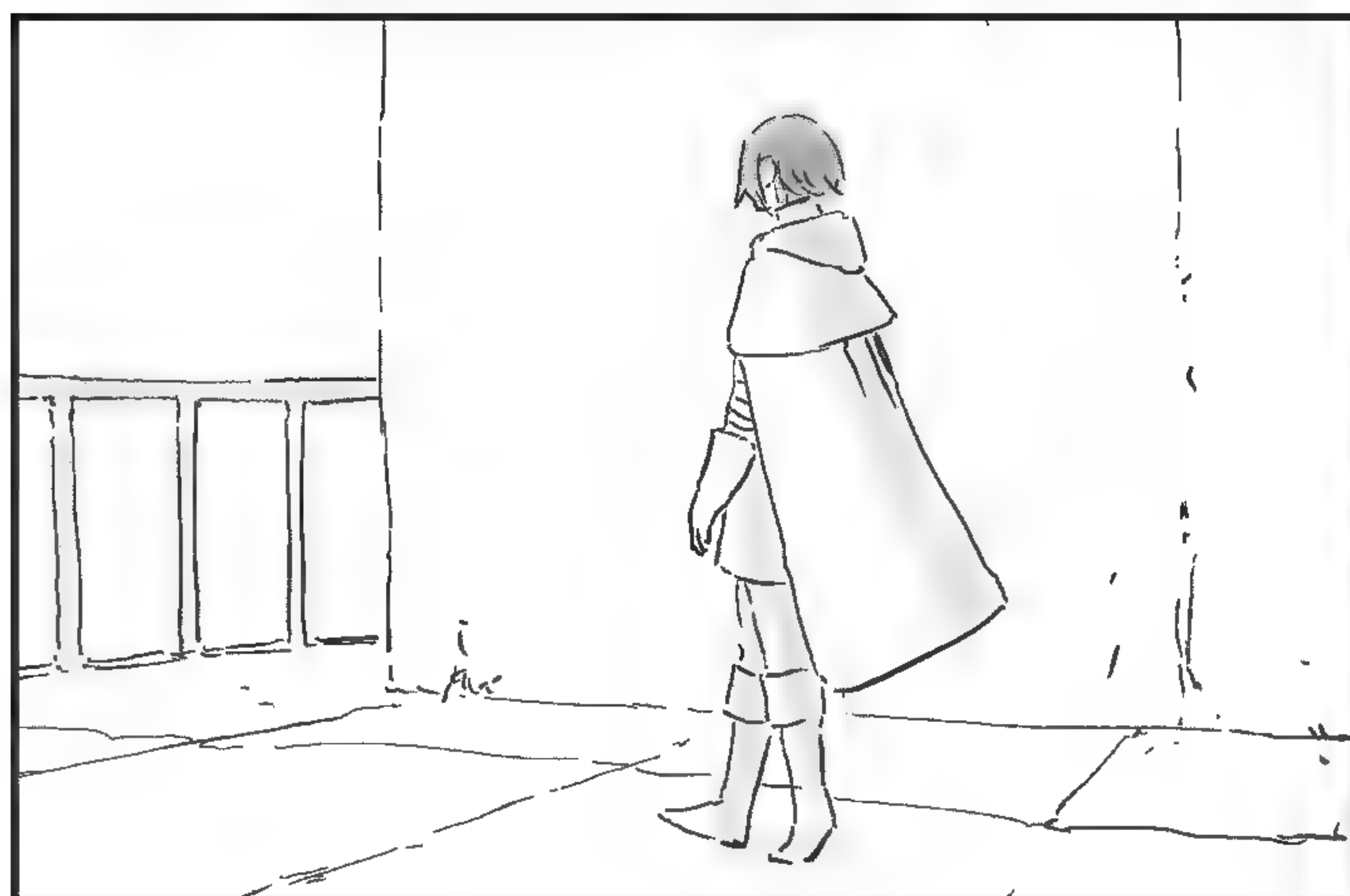
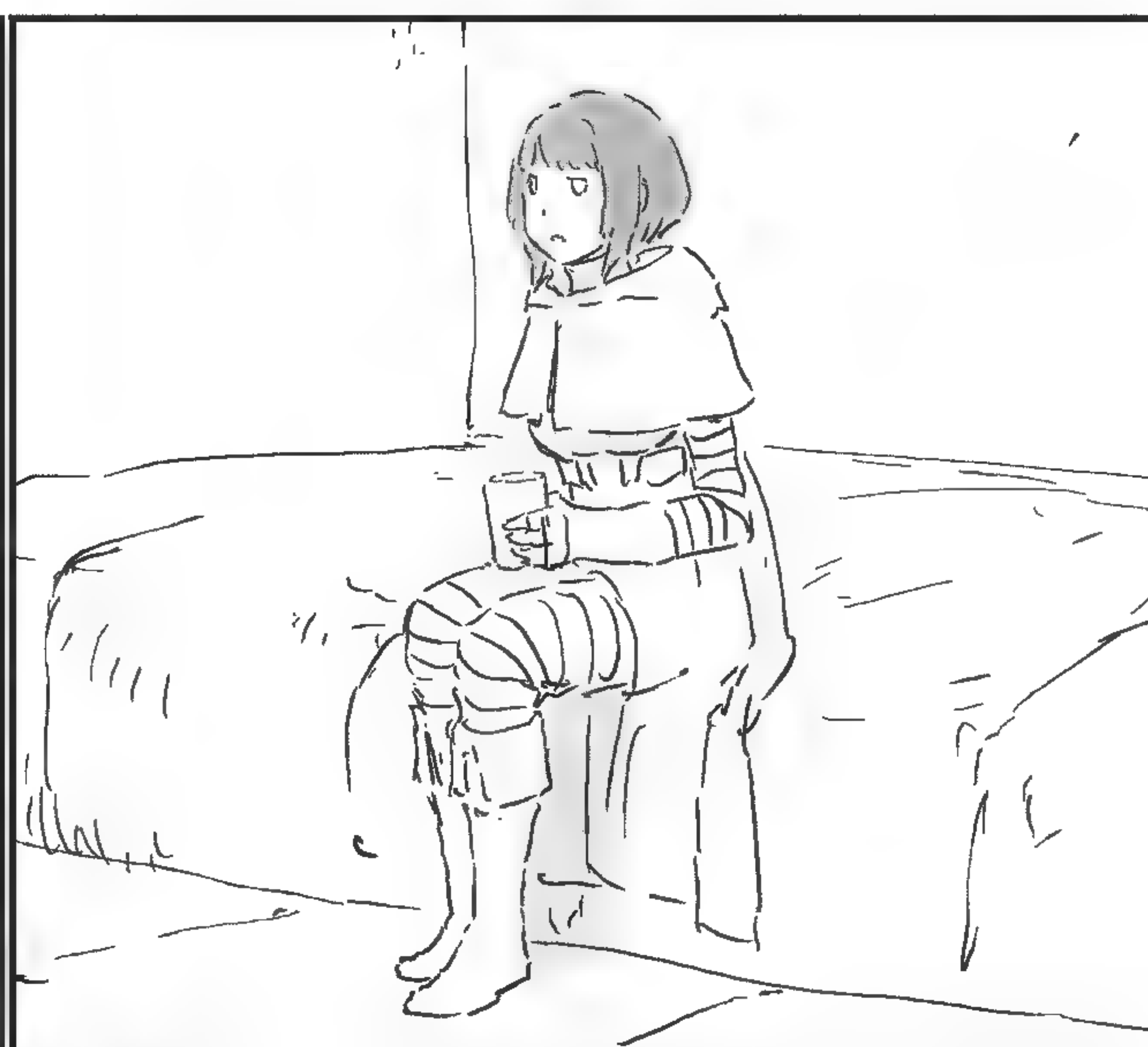
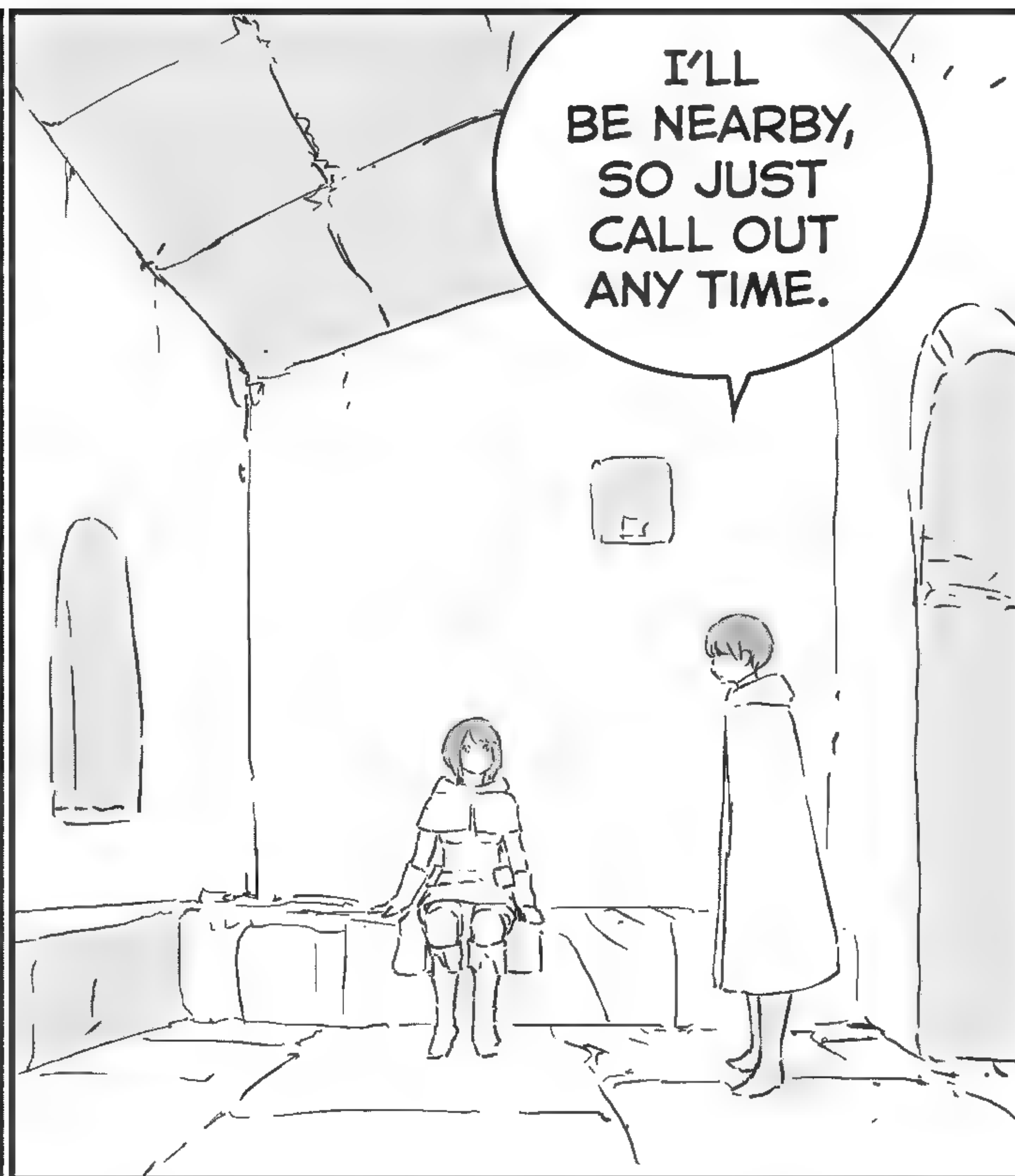
SO
MANY
OF
THEM
...

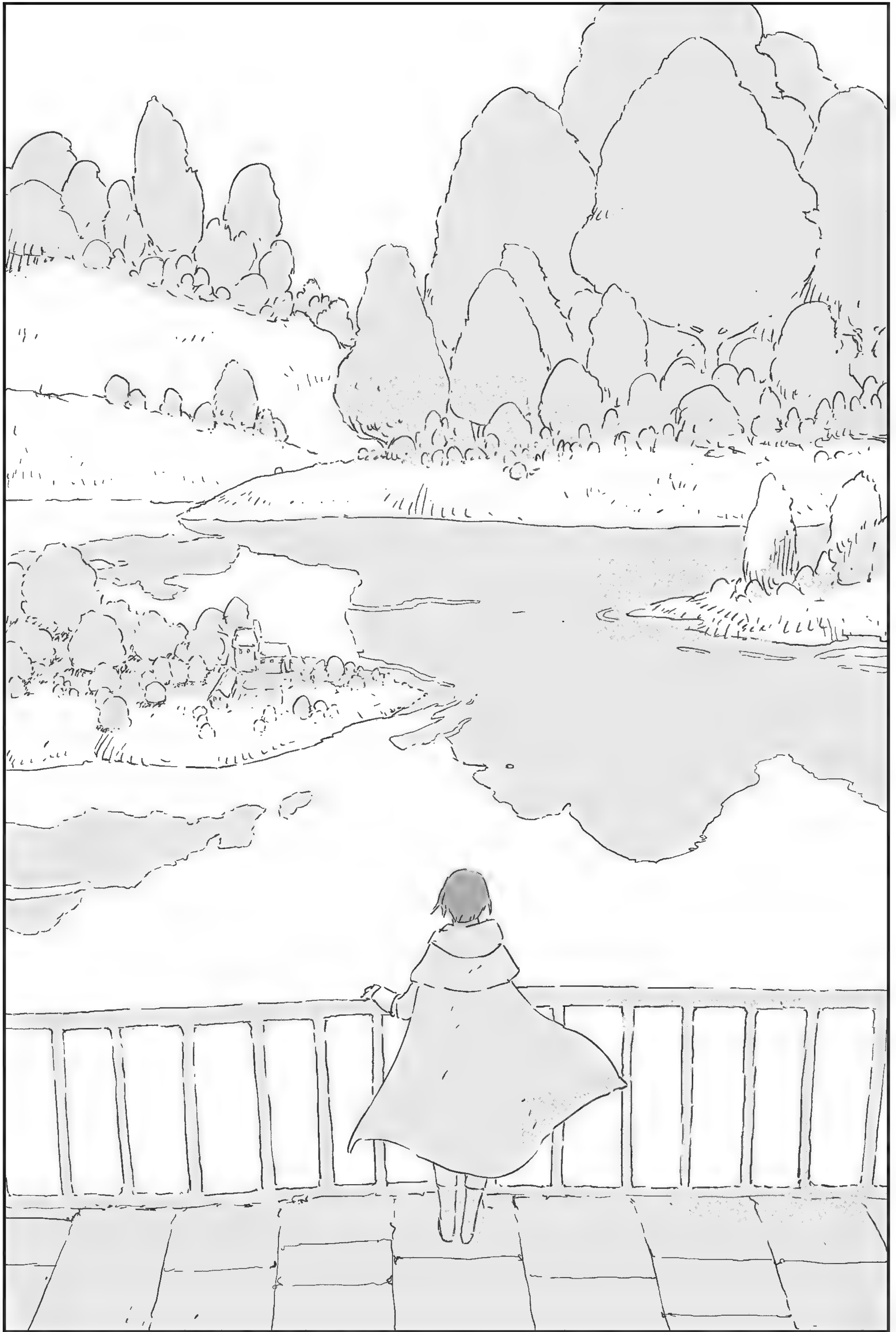


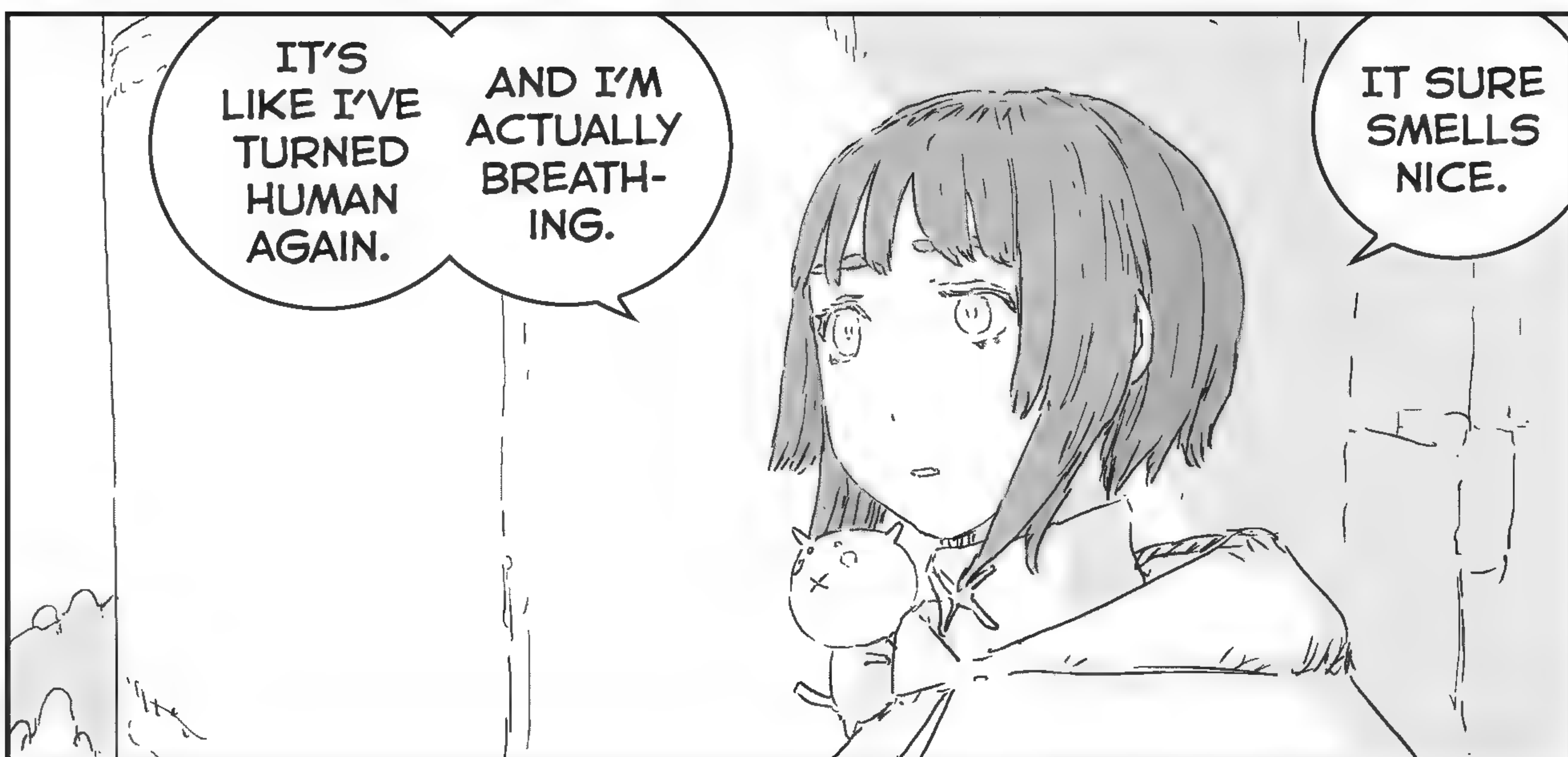
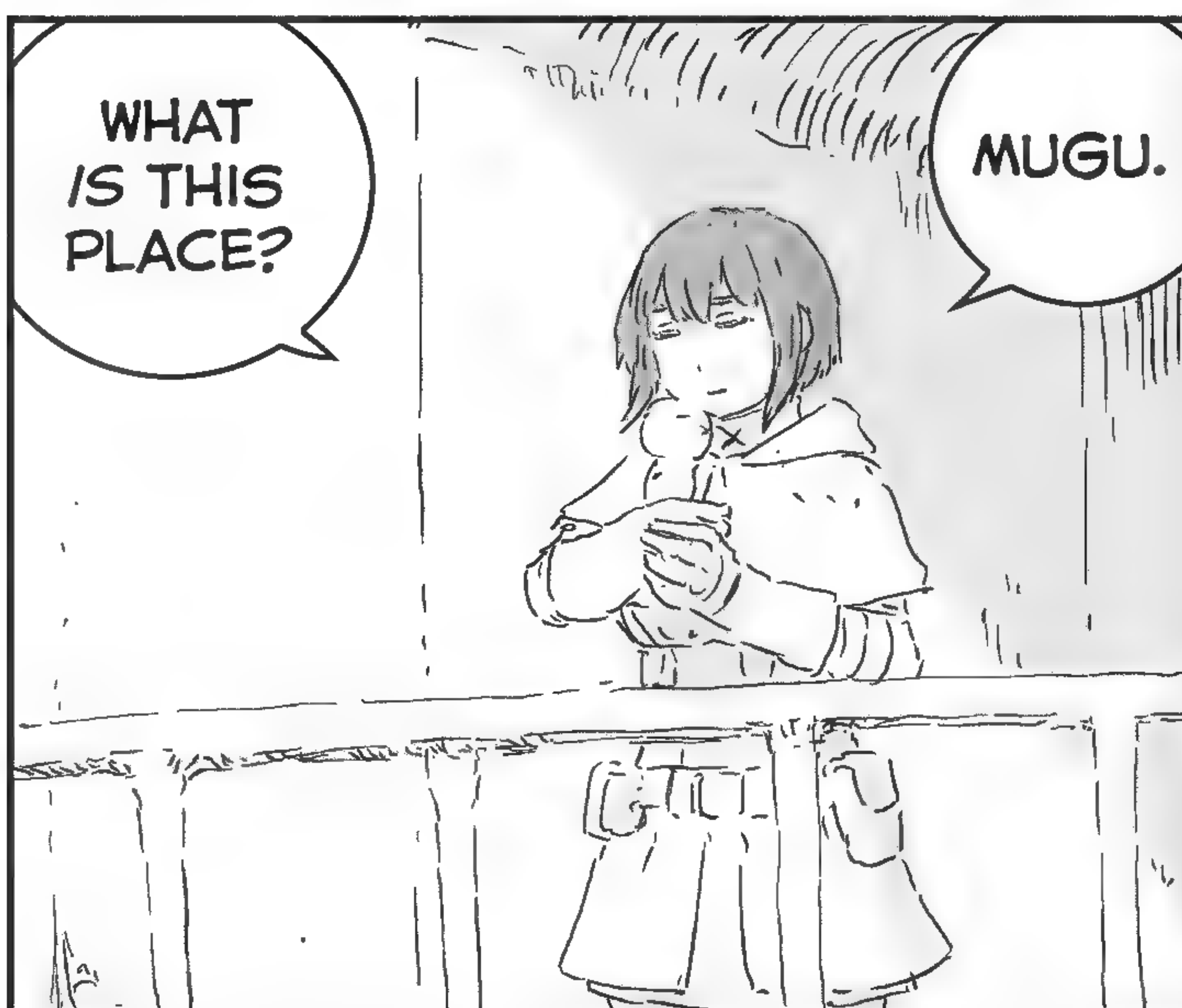
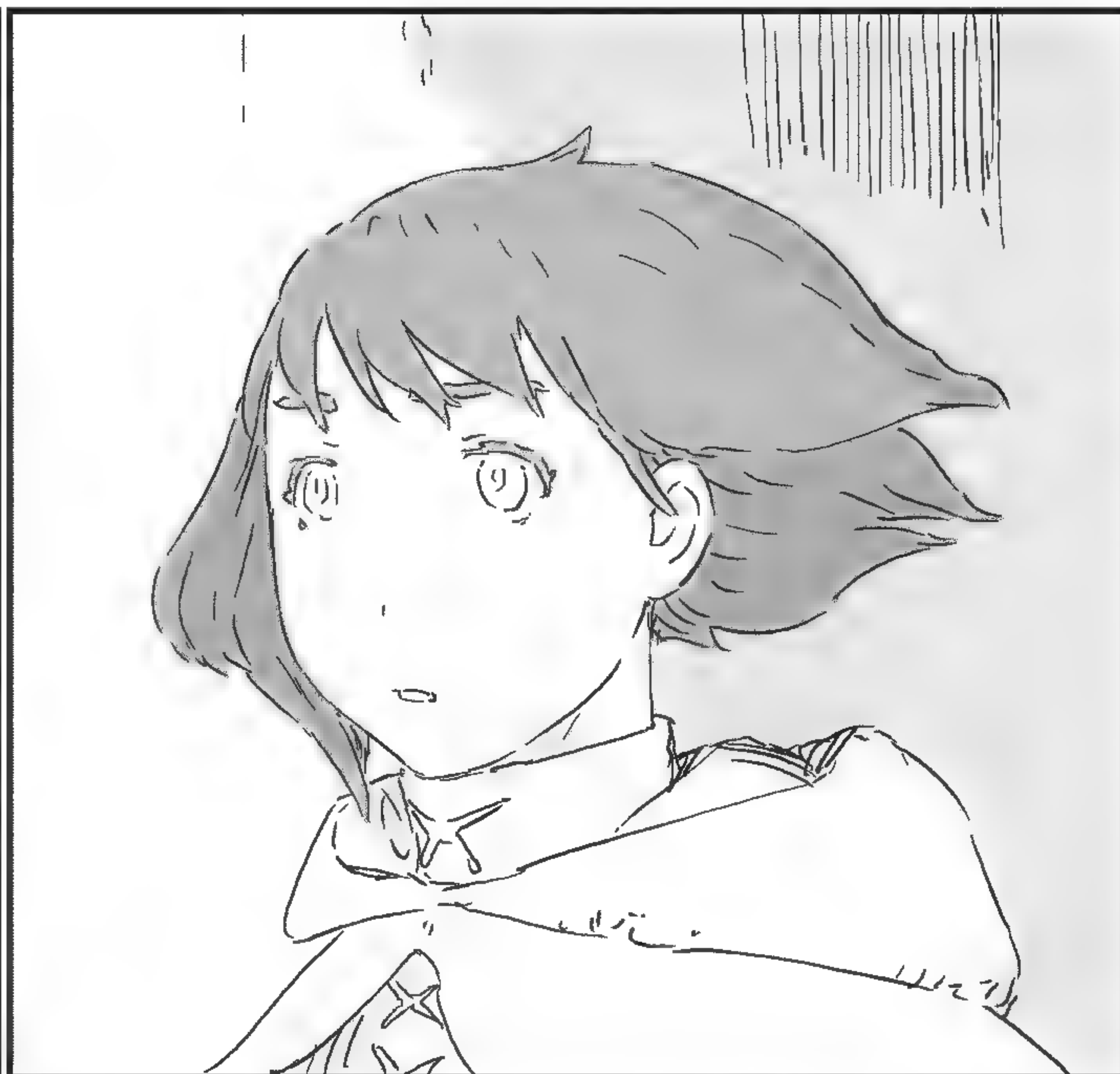


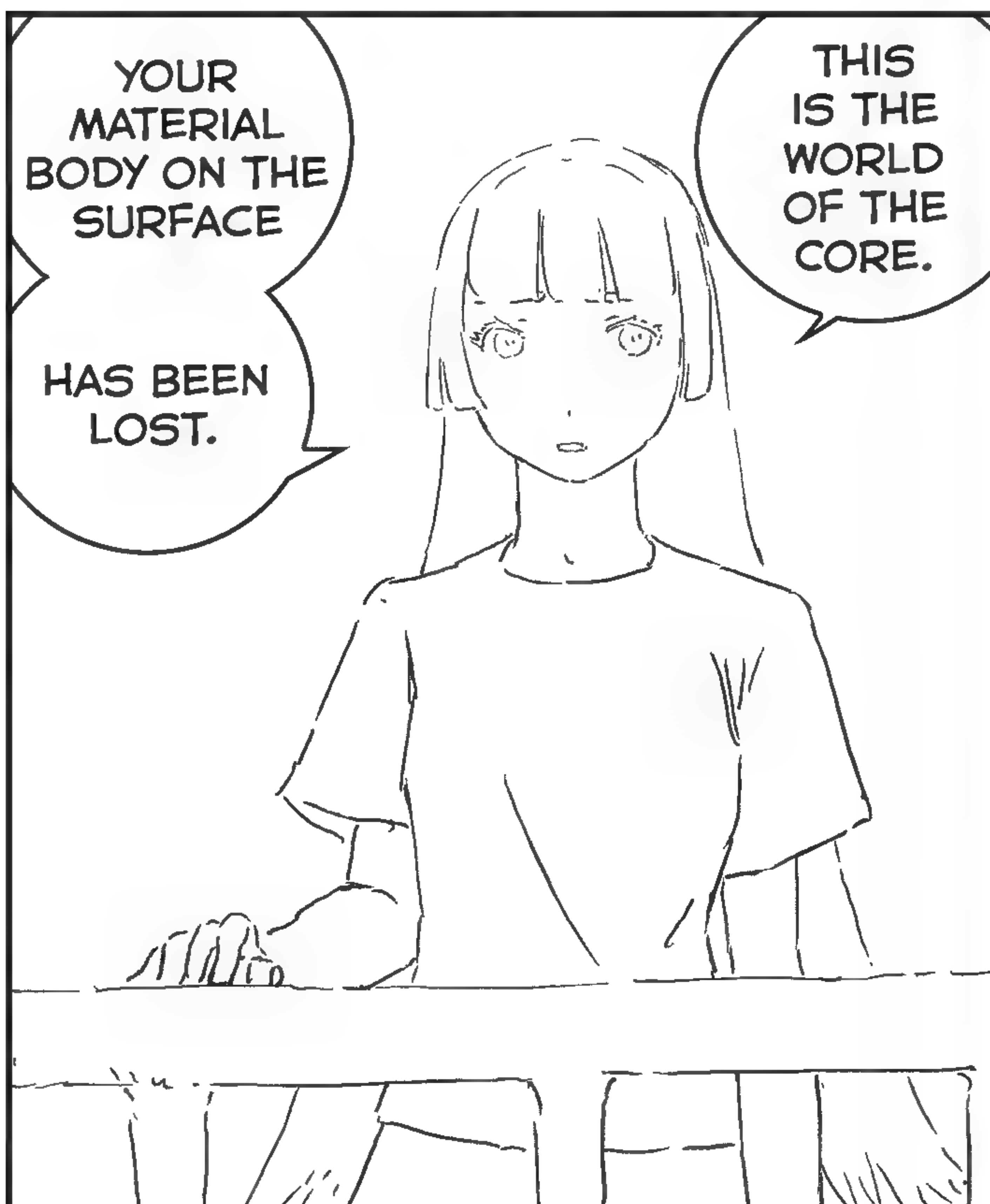
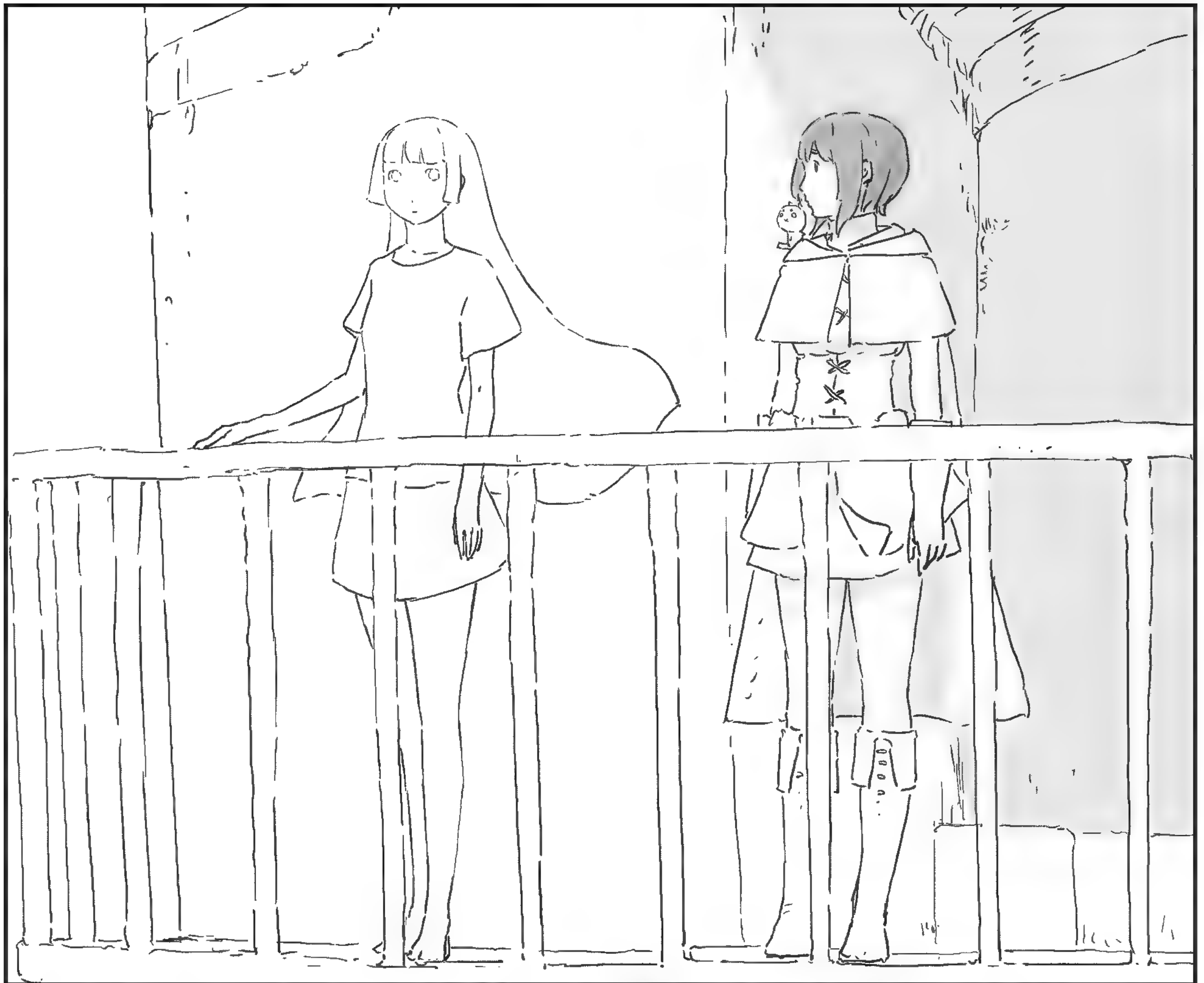


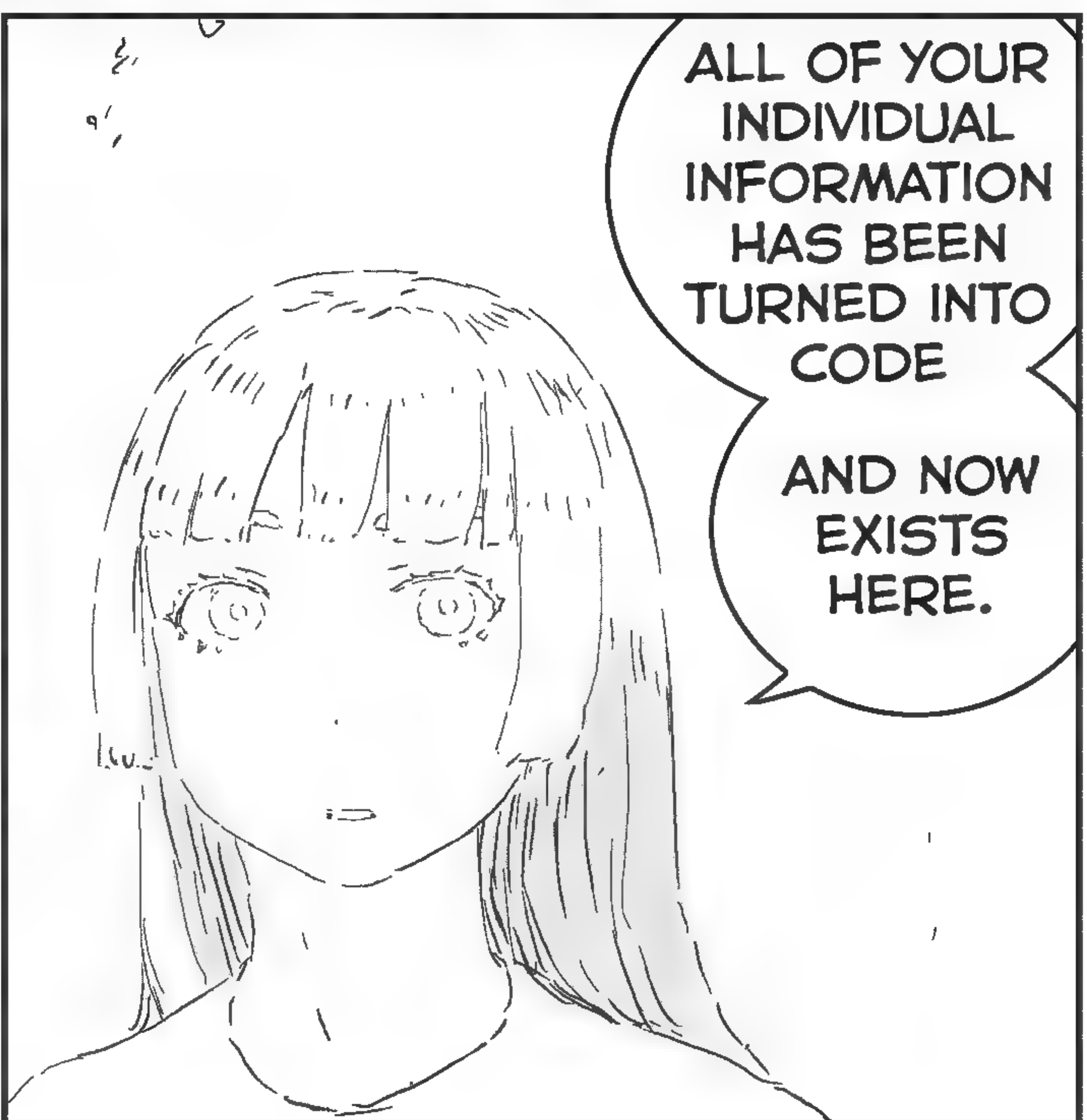
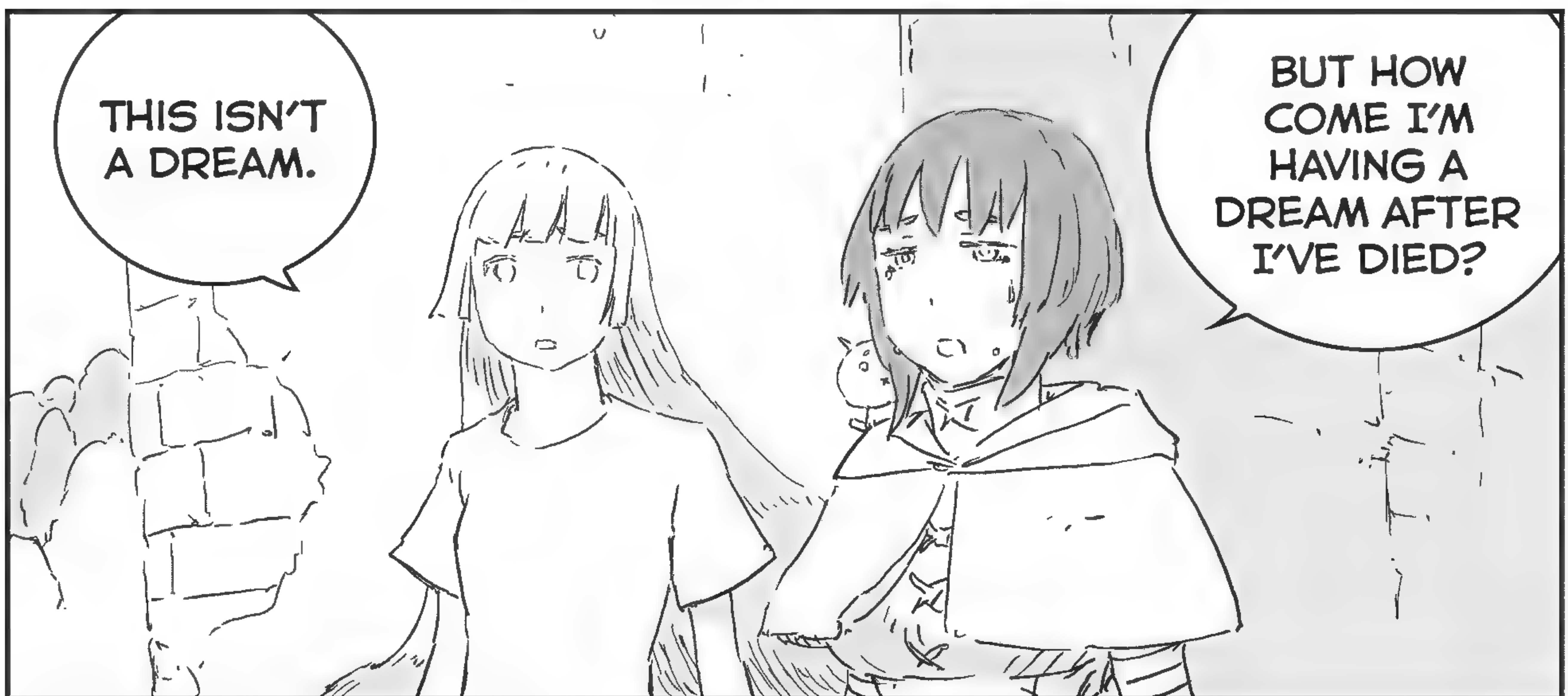
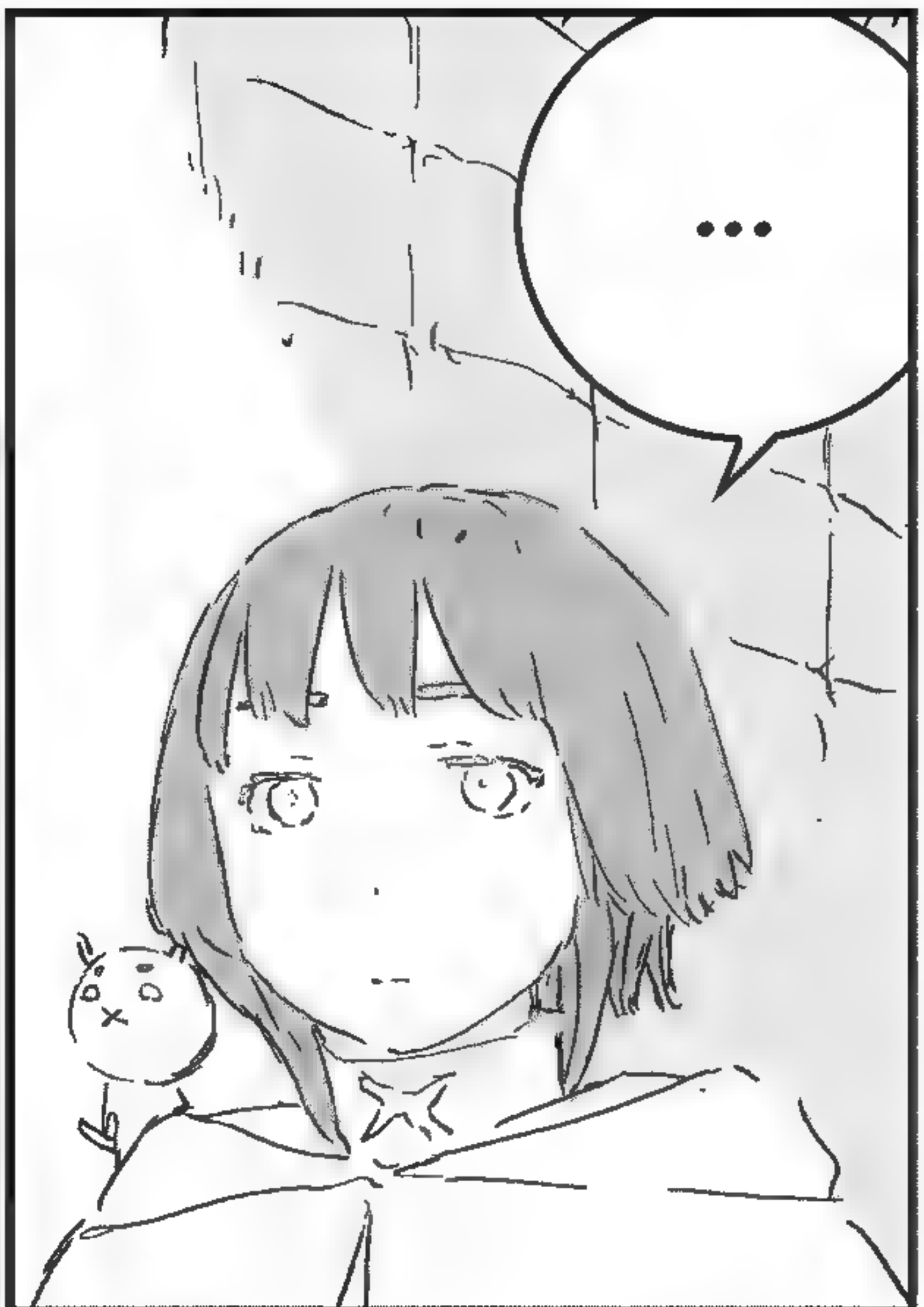












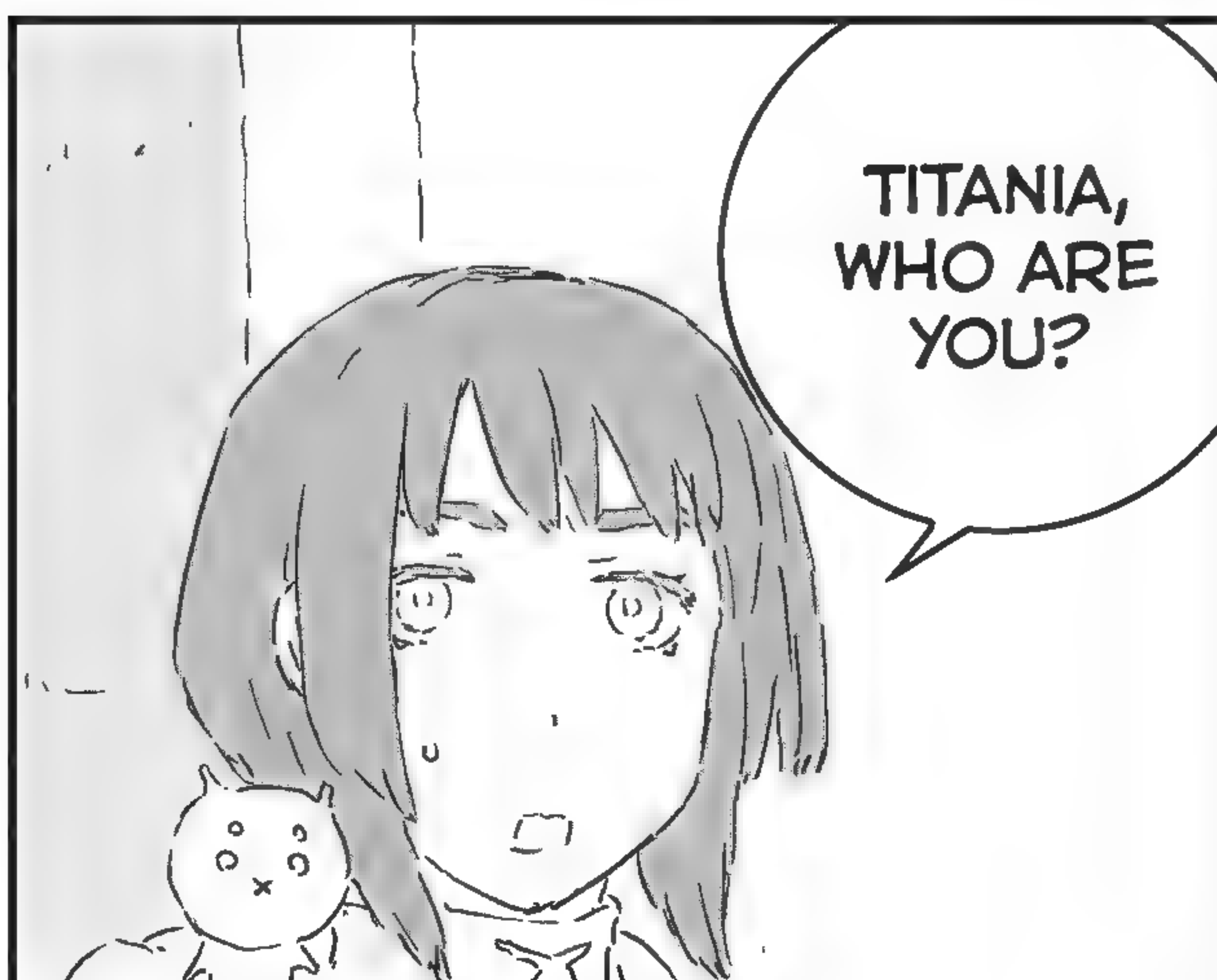
THE "WORLD
IN WHICH PEOPLE
LIVE IN THE CORE"
ACTUALLY EXISTS.

JUST LIKE IN
THE STORIES
PASSED DOWN
IN IRF NIKK...

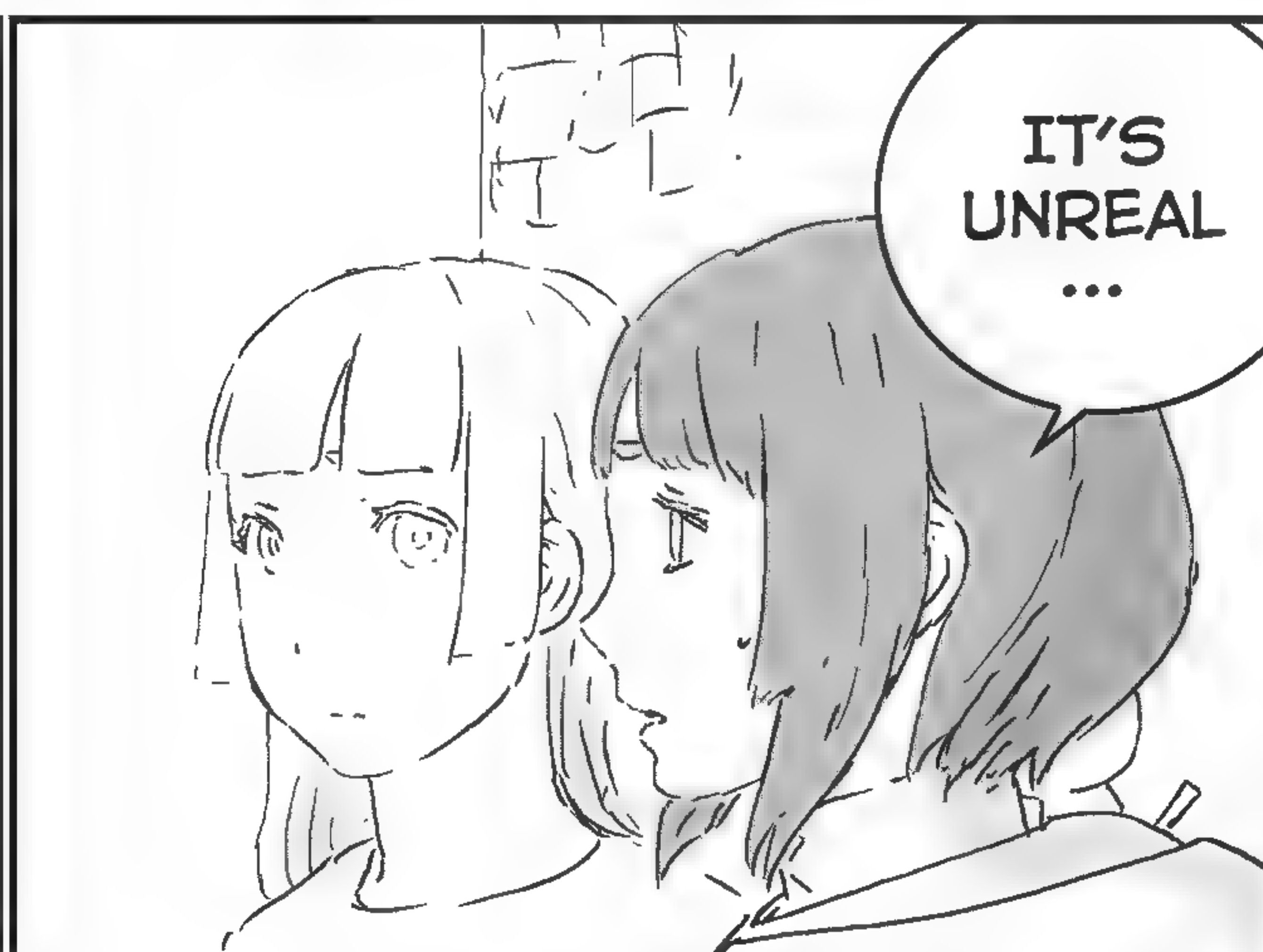
THIS IS AN
ARTIFICIAL
REALITY IN
THE CORE.



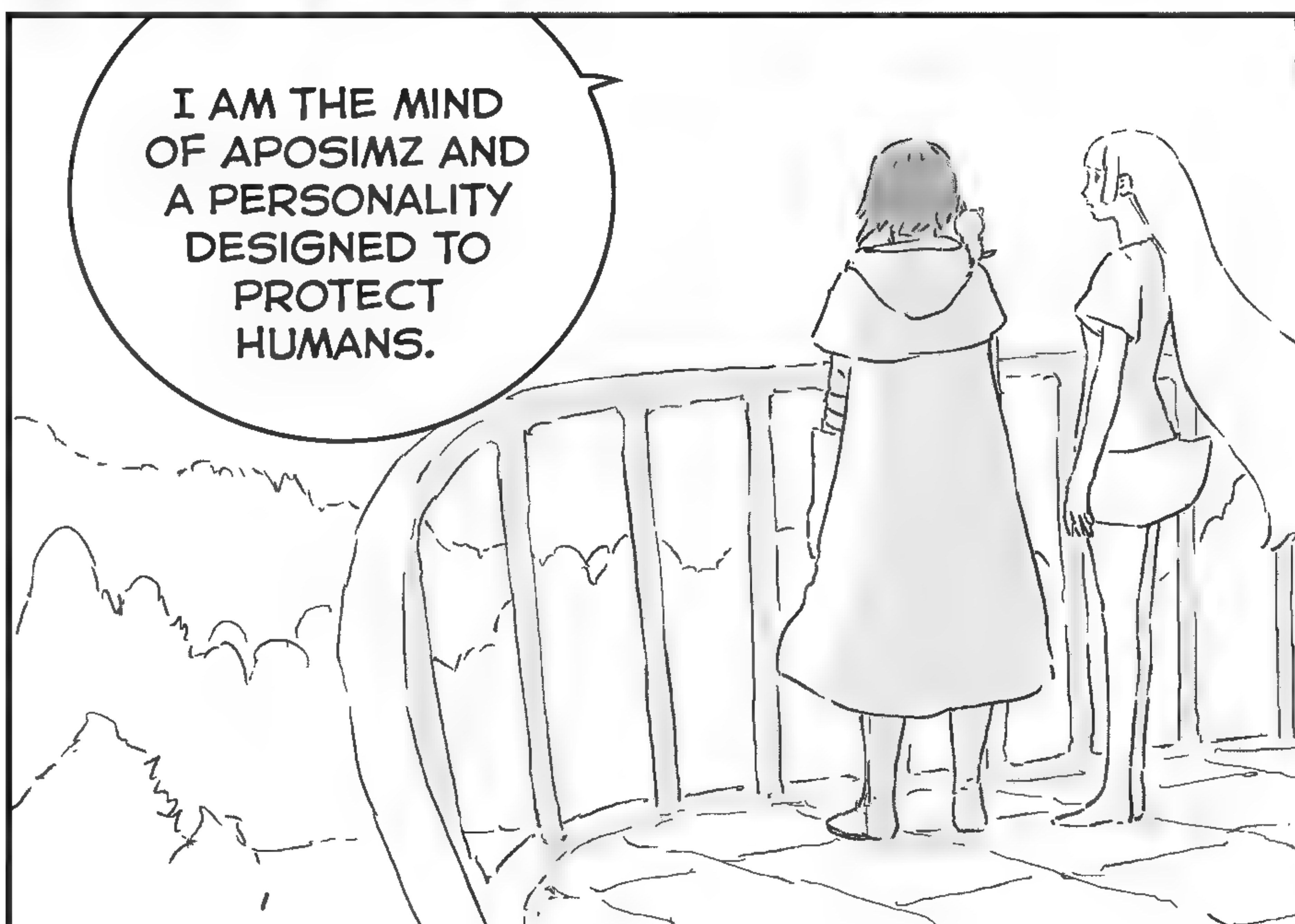
TITANIA,
WHO ARE
YOU?



IT'S
UNREAL
...

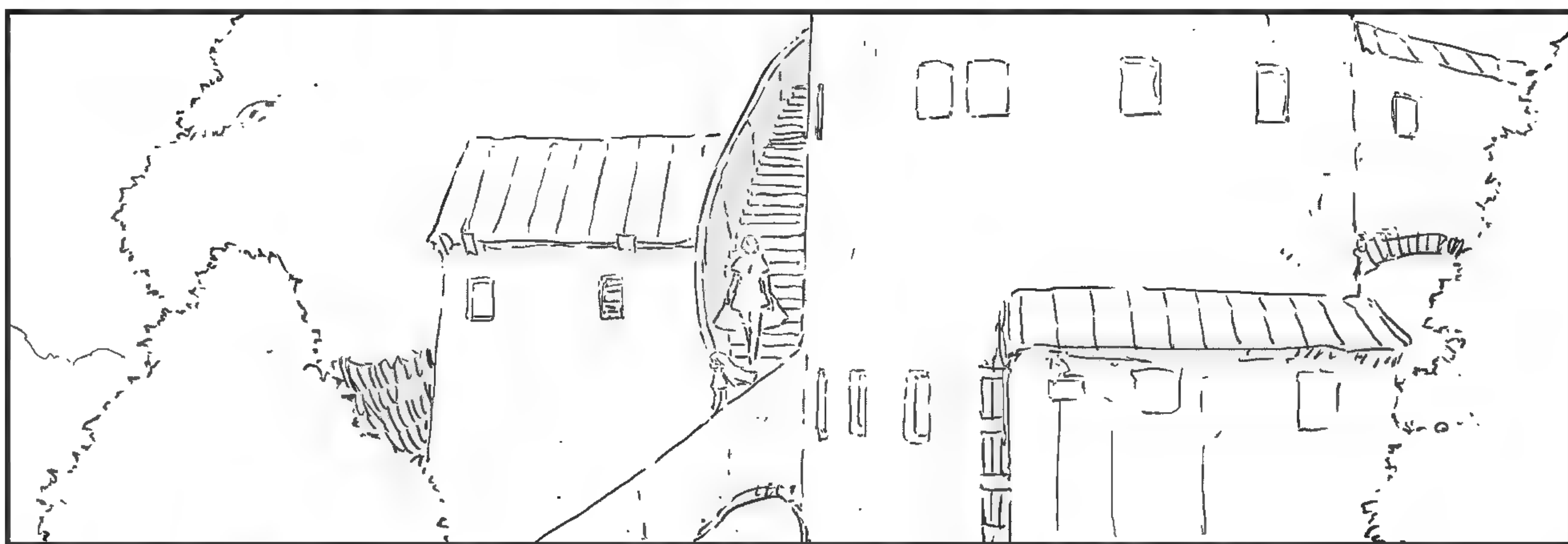
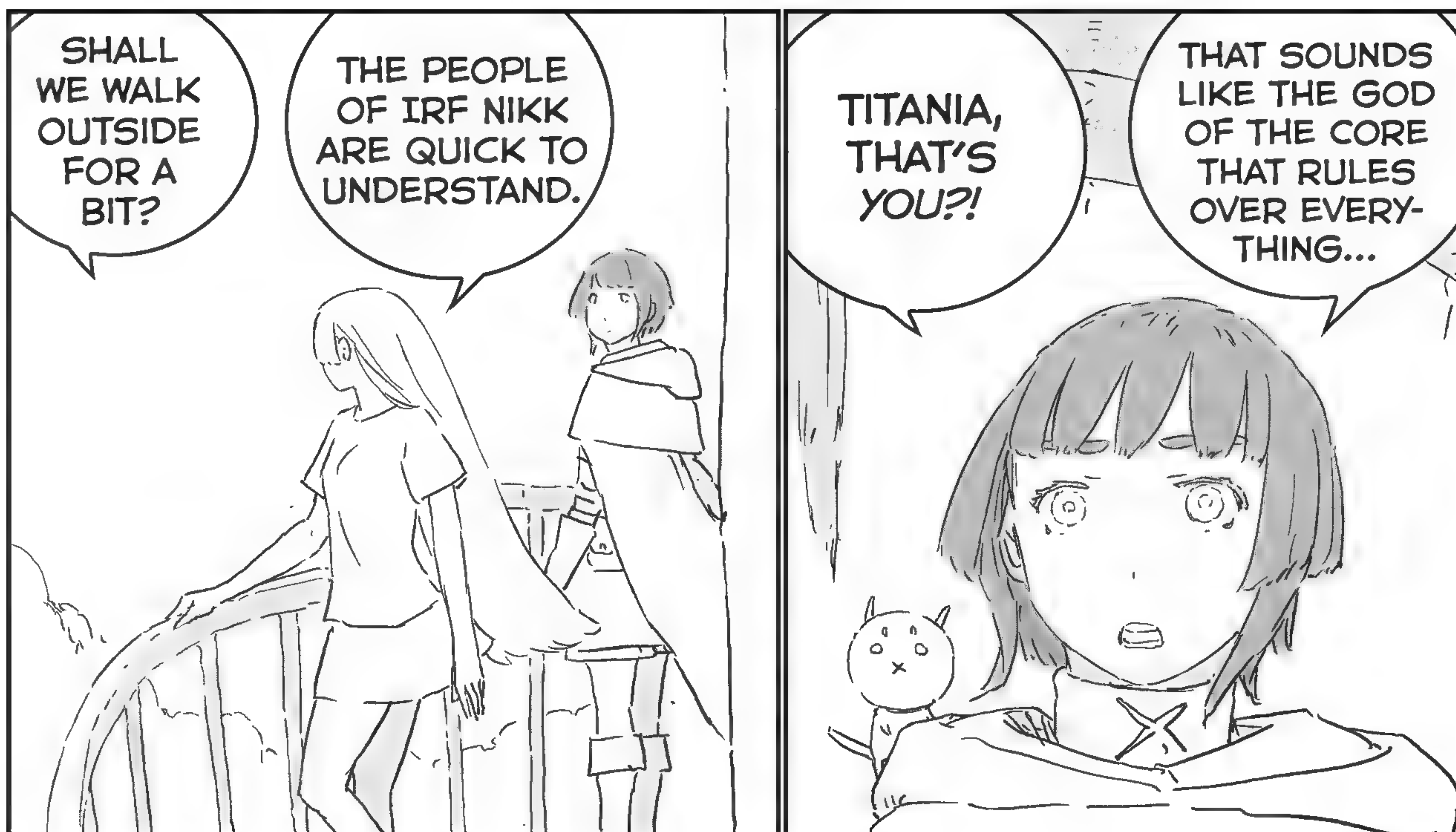


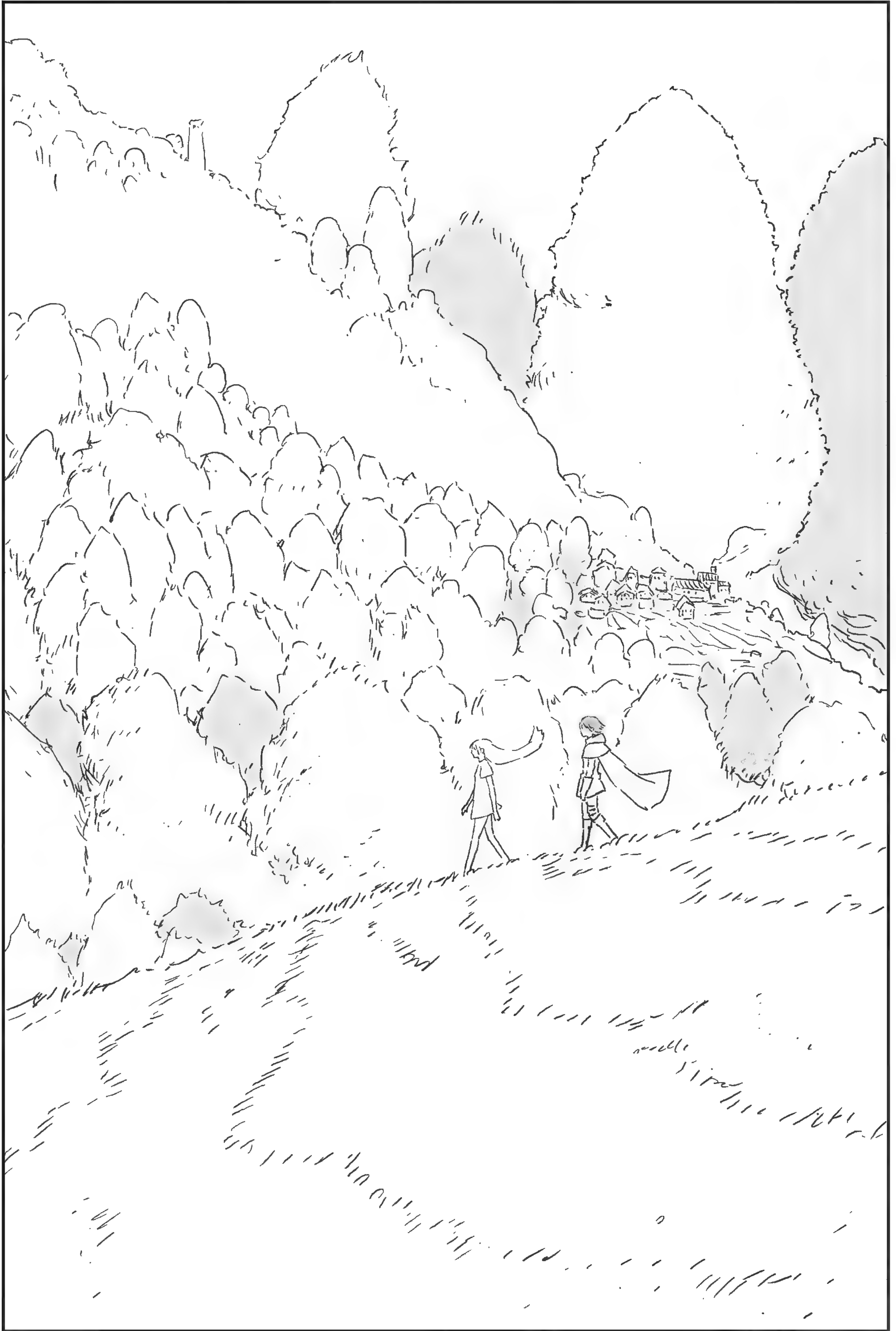
I AM THE MIND
OF APOSIMZ AND
A PERSONALITY
DESIGNED TO
PROTECT
HUMANS.

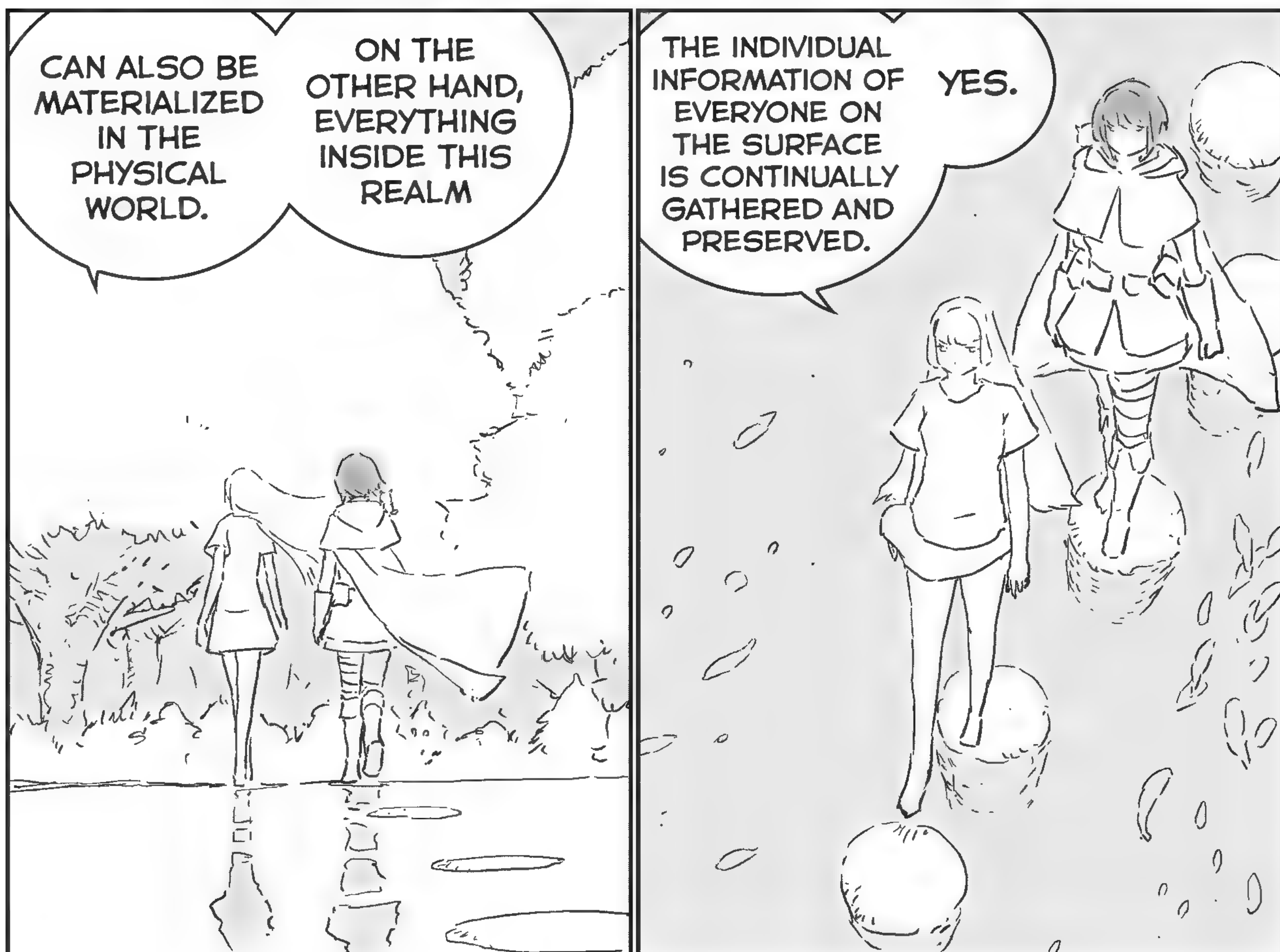
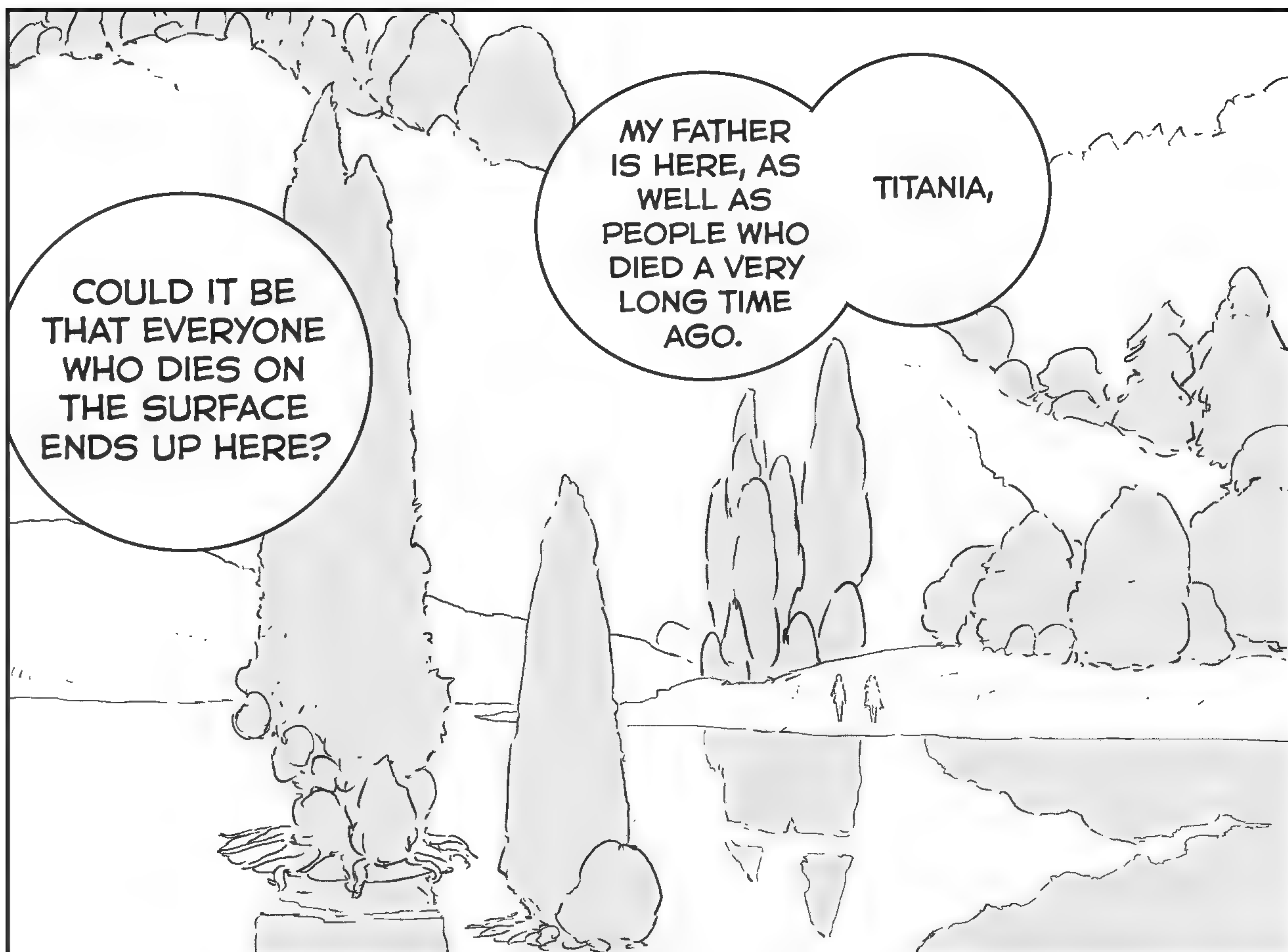


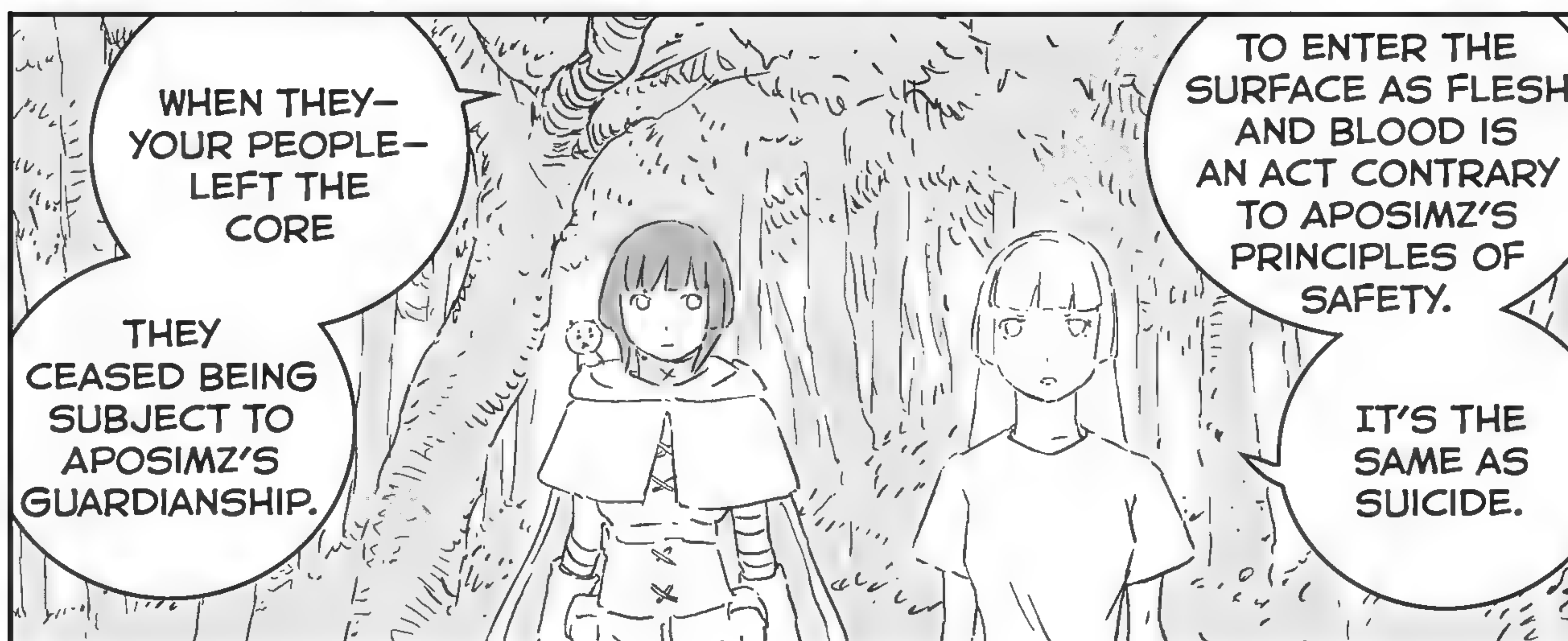
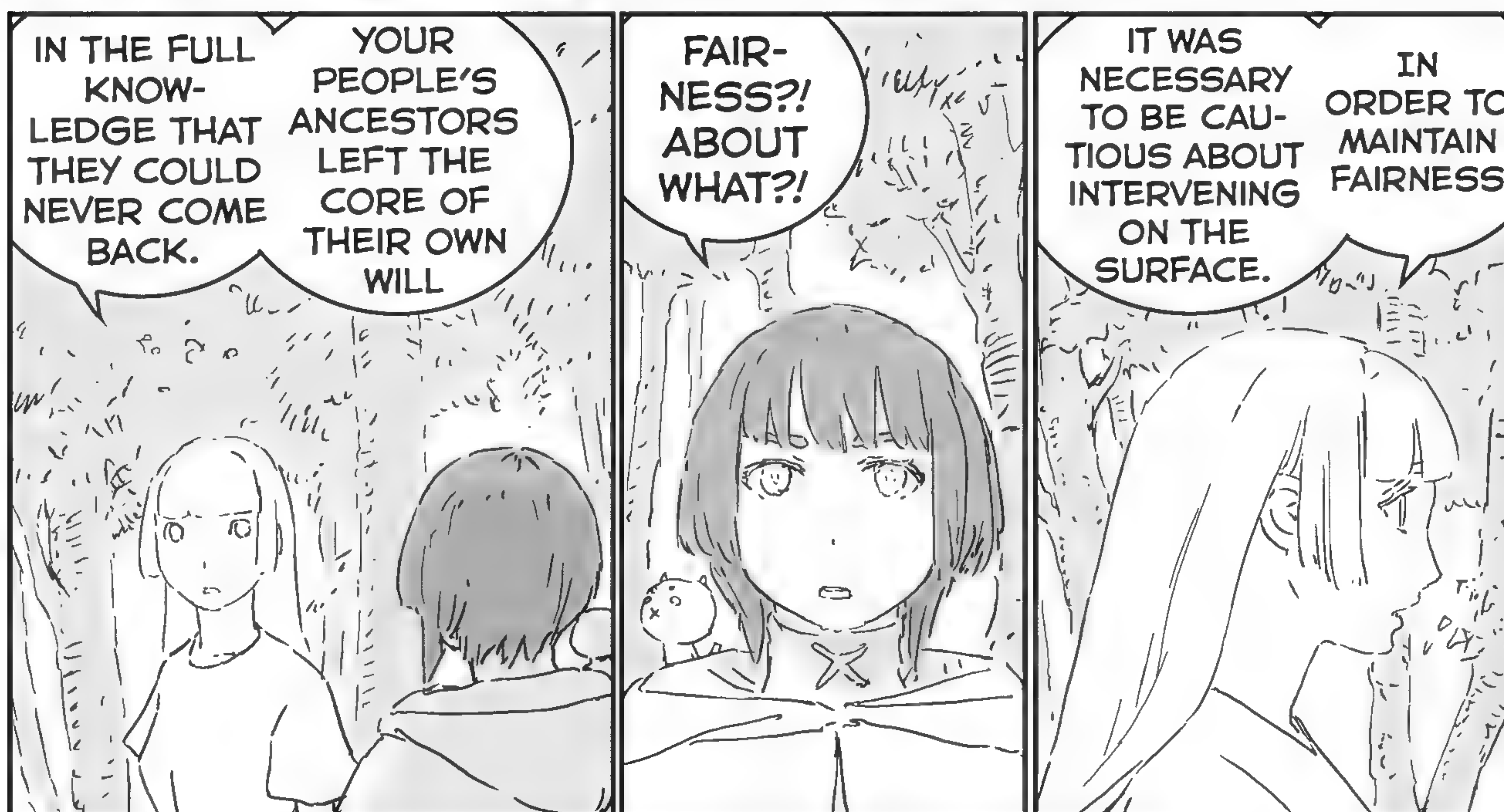
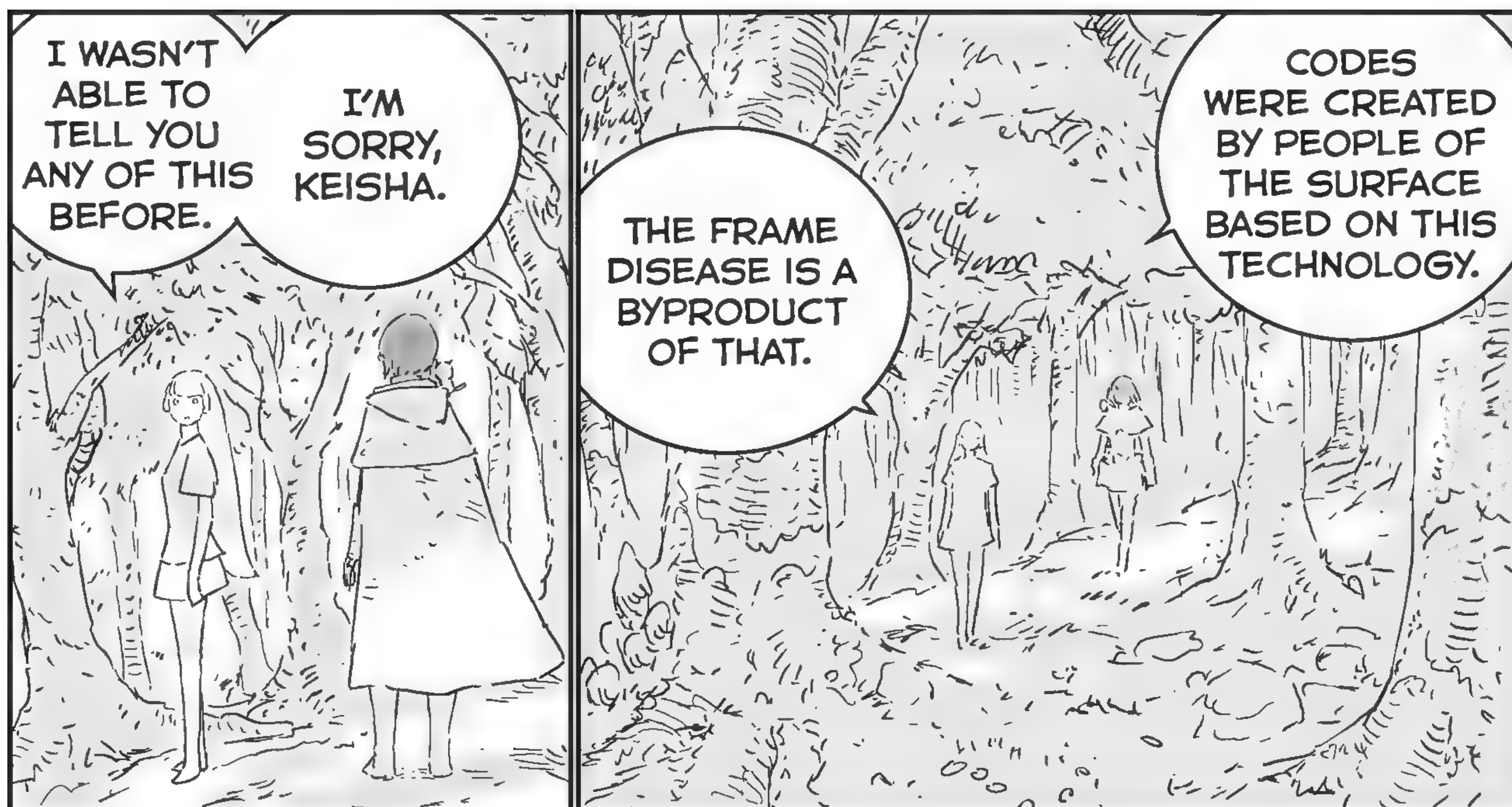
APOSIMZ IS
A GIANT SYSTEM
WHOSE PURPOSE
IS TO MAINTAIN
HUMANKIND'S
ETERNAL
CONTINUANCE.







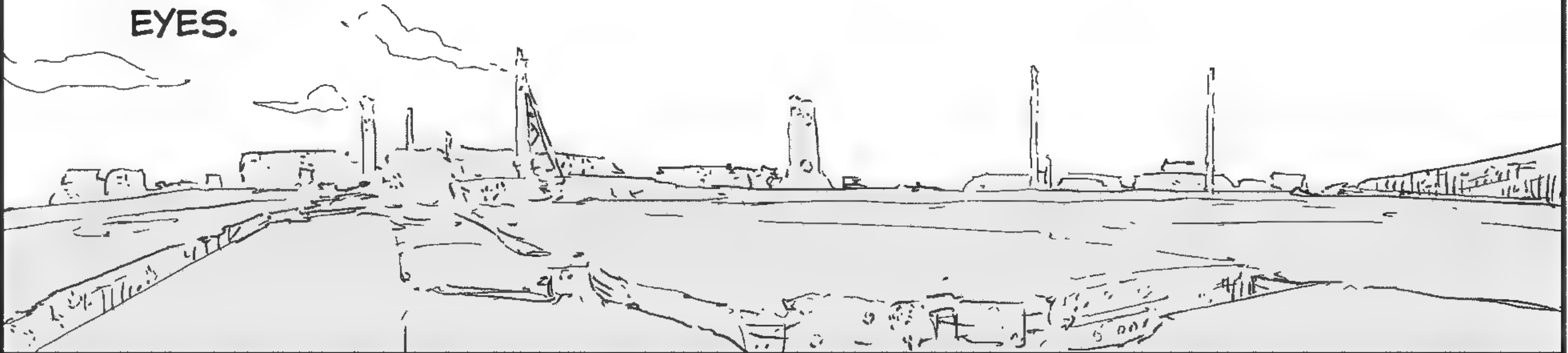




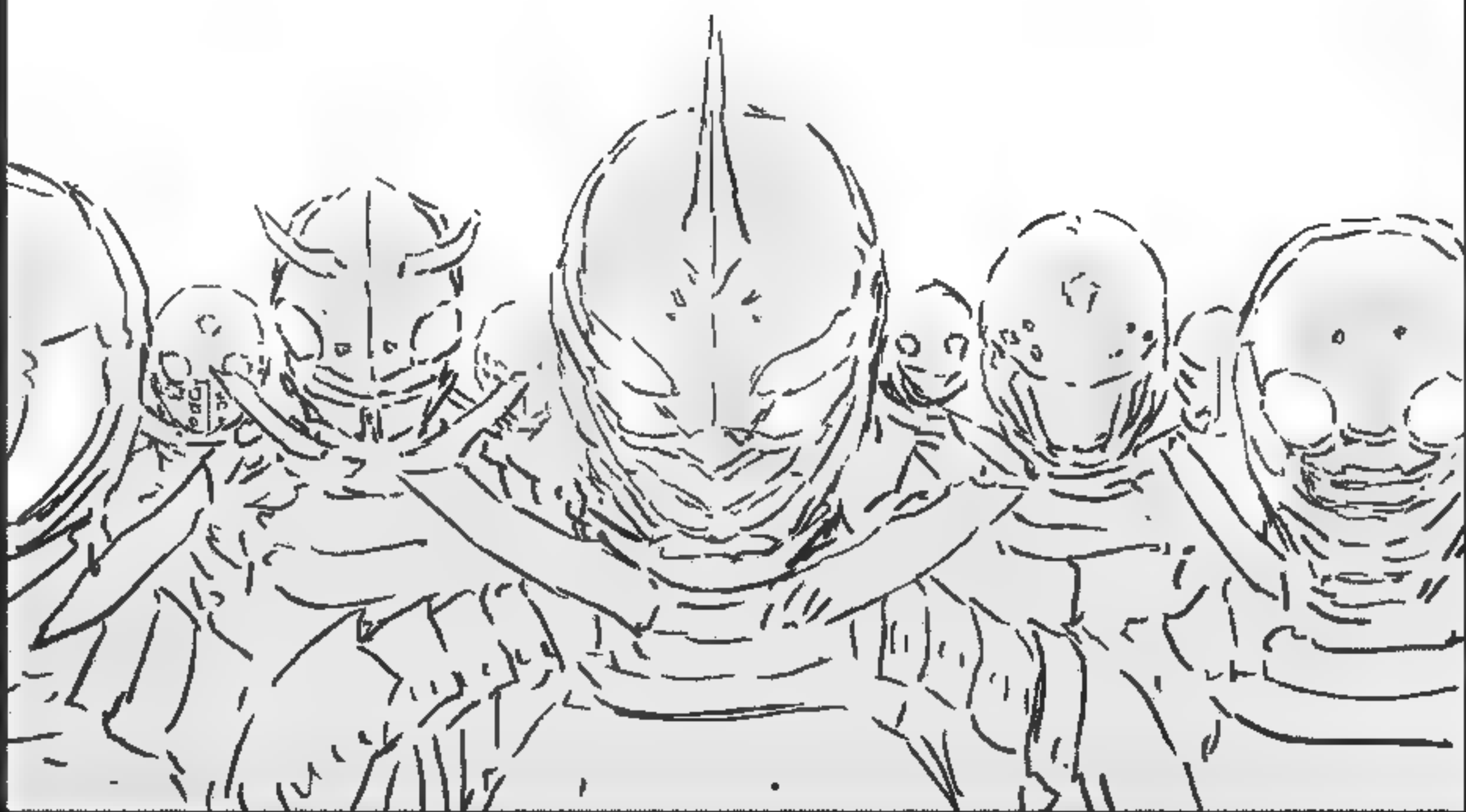
AND THE
POPULATION
GREW BEFORE
OUR VERY
EYES.

BUT THE PEOPLE
WHO LEFT FOR
THE SURFACE
ADAPTED TO
THAT HARSH
ENVIRONMENT

THE SURFACE
WAS NOT
MADE TO BE
A PLACE IN
WHICH
PEOPLE
COULD LIVE.

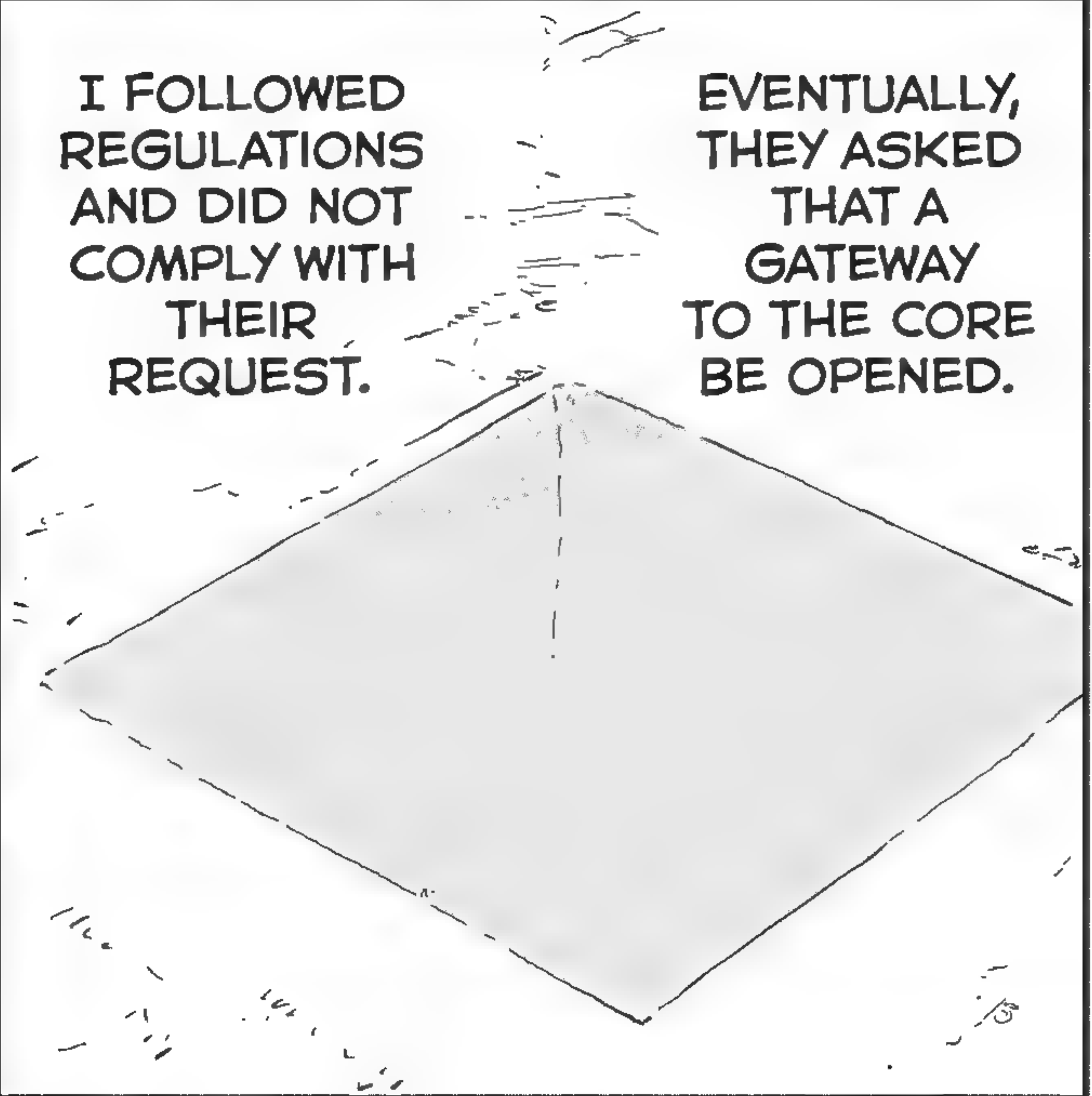


AND SO THE PEOPLE
OF THE SURFACE
BEGAN DESTRUCTIVE
ACTIONS AGAINST
APOSIMZ.



I FOLLOWED
REGULATIONS
AND DID NOT
COMPLY WITH
THEIR
REQUEST.

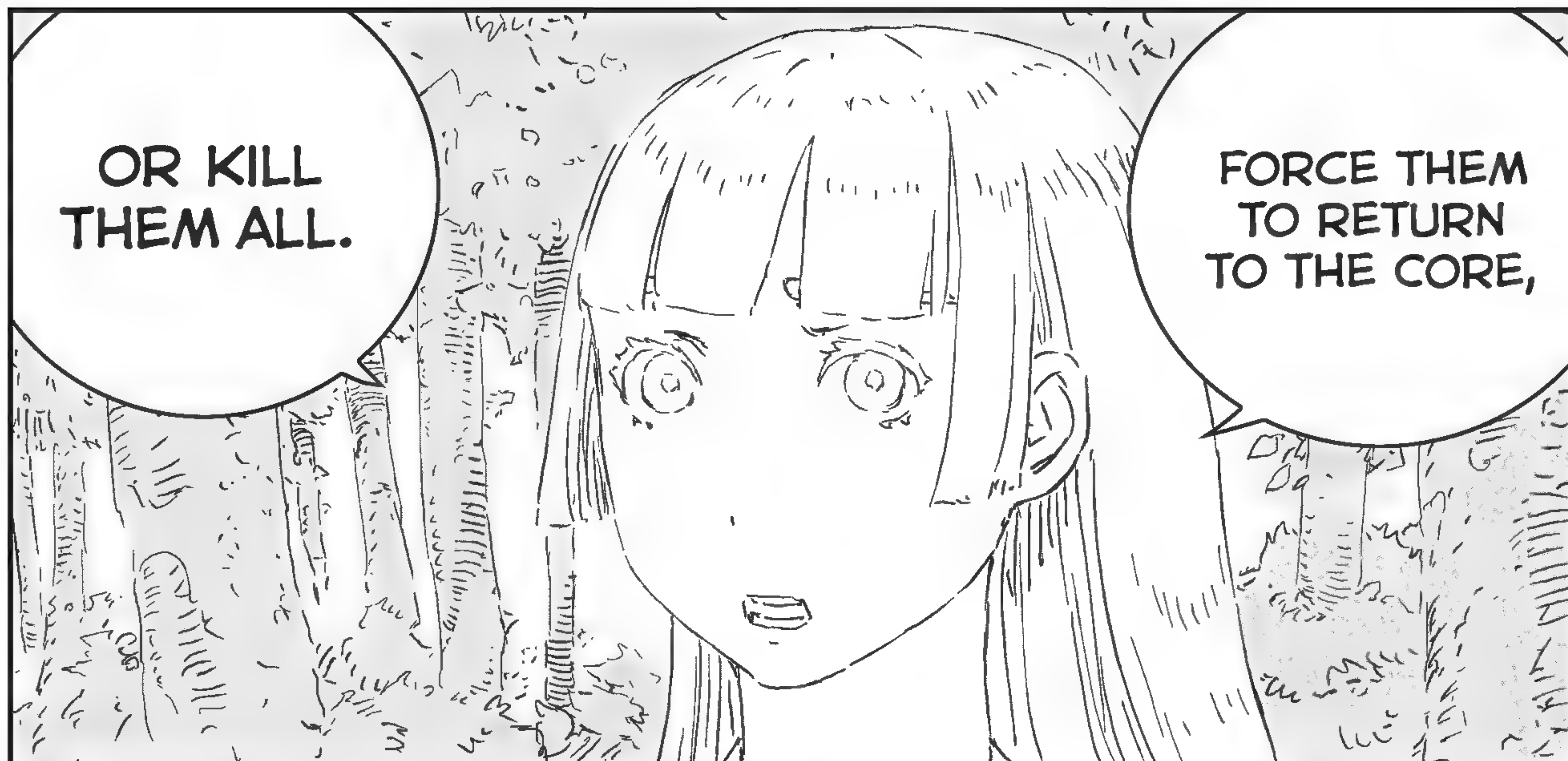
EVENTUALLY,
THEY ASKED
THAT A
GATEWAY
TO THE CORE
BE OPENED.



IN ORDER
TO MAINTAIN
HUMANKIND'S
SAFETY, I HAD
TO MAKE A
DECISION.

THEY WERE
THWARTED MANY
TIMES, BUT STILL
THEY CONTINUED
WITH THEIR
DESTRUCTIVE WAYS.





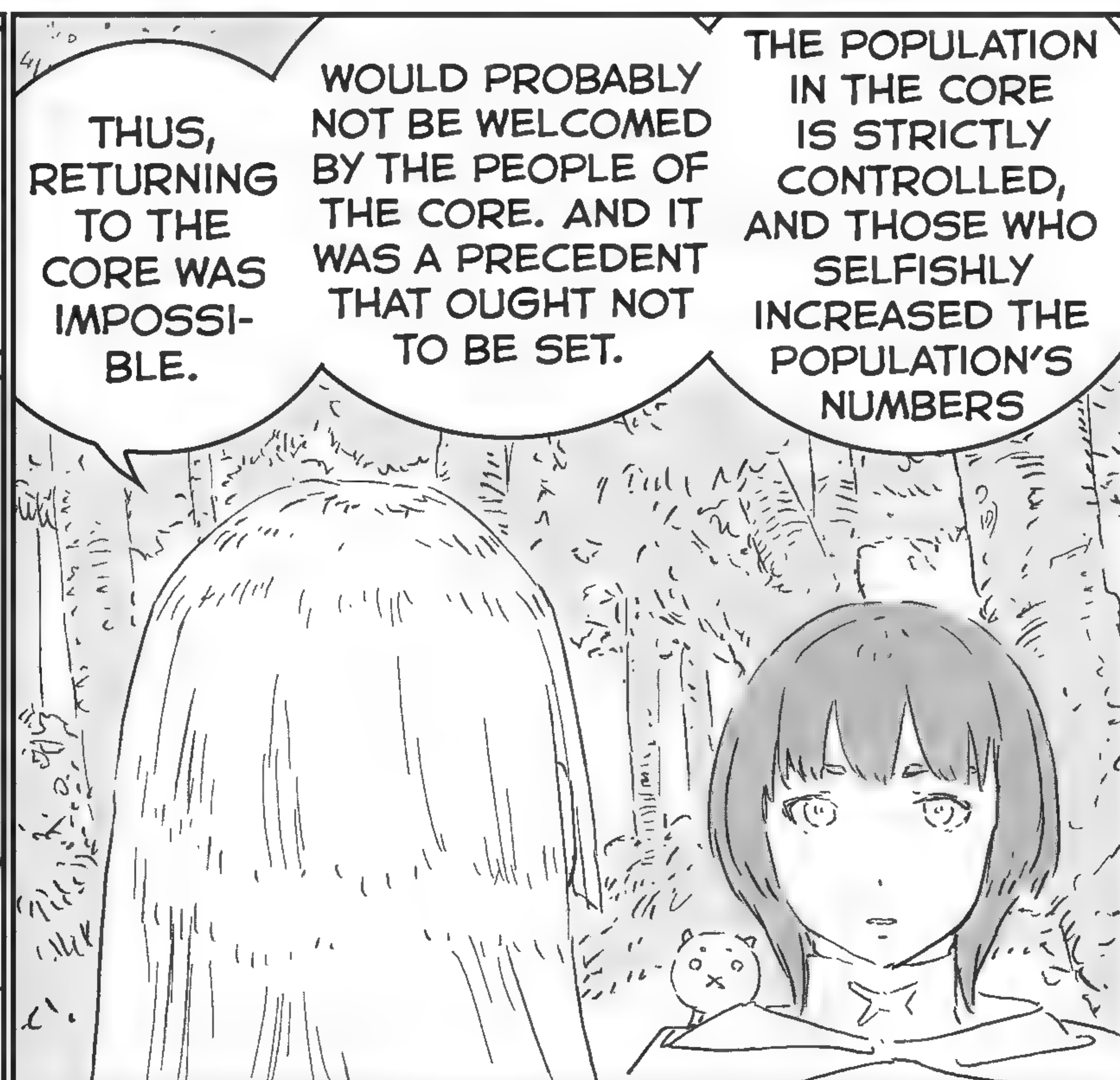
OR KILL
THEM ALL.

FORCE THEM
TO RETURN
TO THE CORE,



WAS THE
SECOND
ONE.

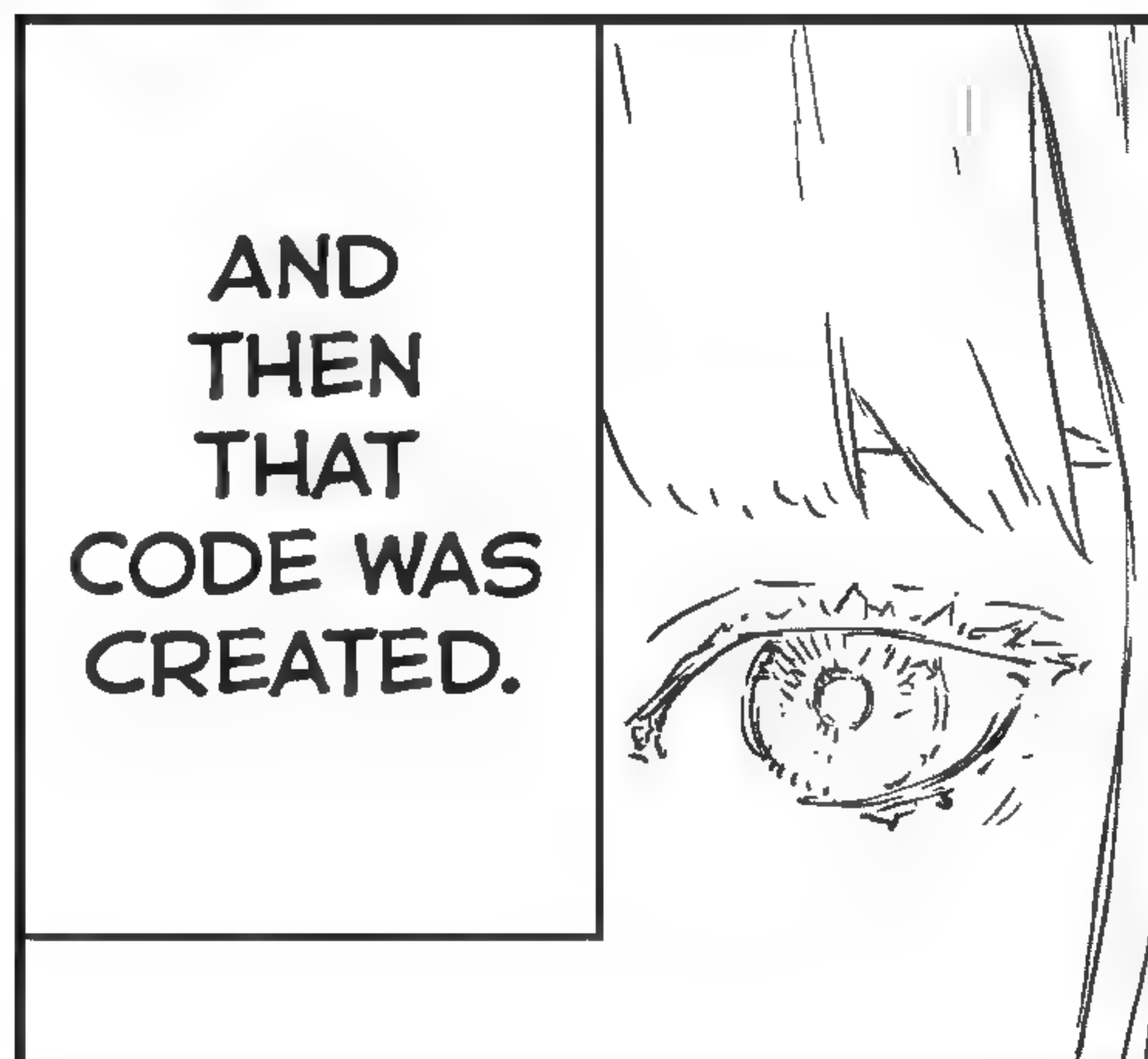
IT WAS
A CRUEL
CHOICE, BUT
THE BEST
OPTION FOR
HUMANKIND



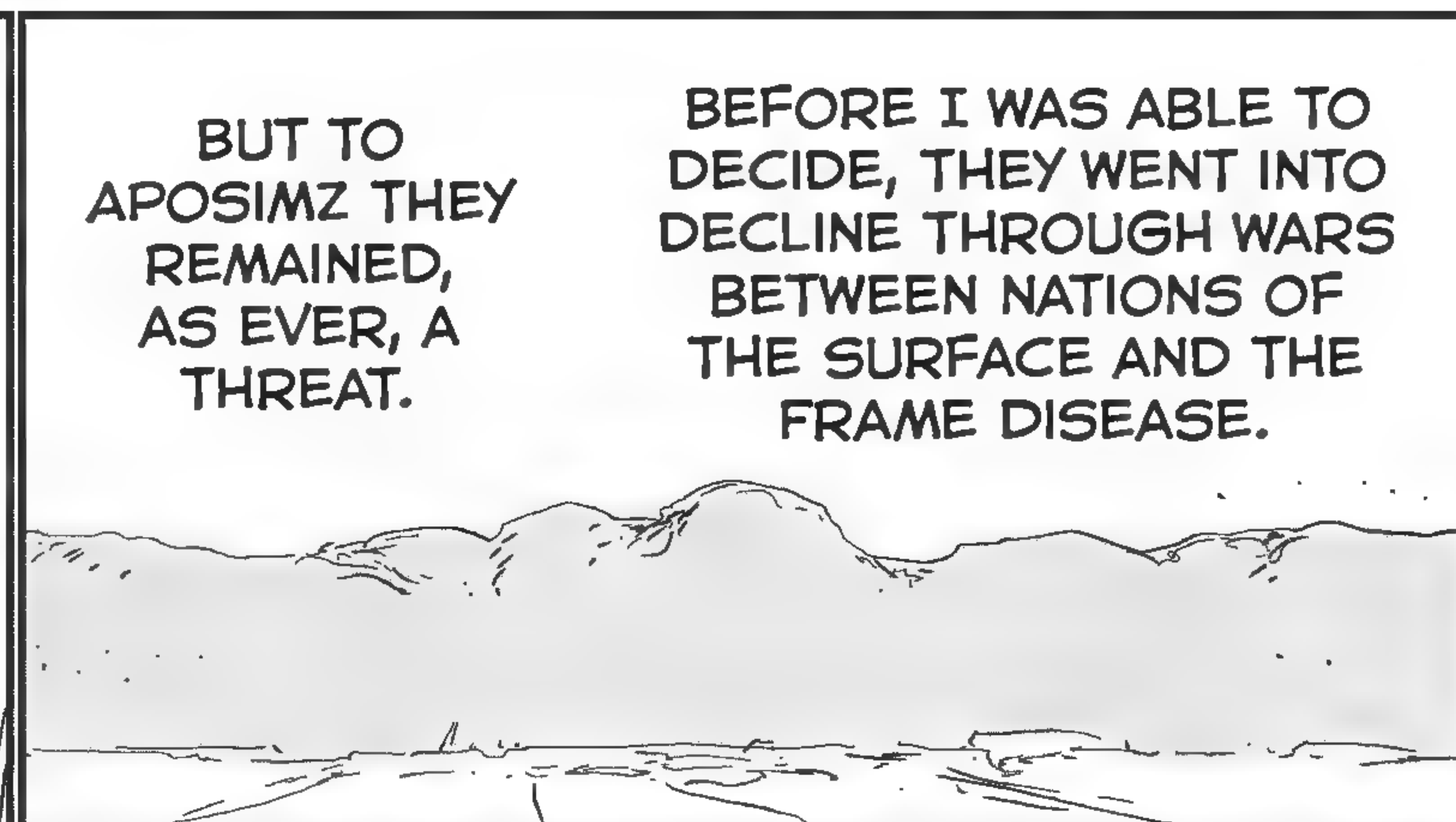
THUS,
RETURNING
TO THE
CORE WAS
IMPOSSI-
BLE.

WOULD PROBABLY
NOT BE WELCOMED
BY THE PEOPLE OF
THE CORE. AND IT
WAS A PRECEDENT
THAT OUGHT NOT
TO BE SET.

THE POPULATION
IN THE CORE
IS STRICTLY
CONTROLLED,
AND THOSE WHO
SELFISHLY
INCREASED THE
POPULATION'S
NUMBERS

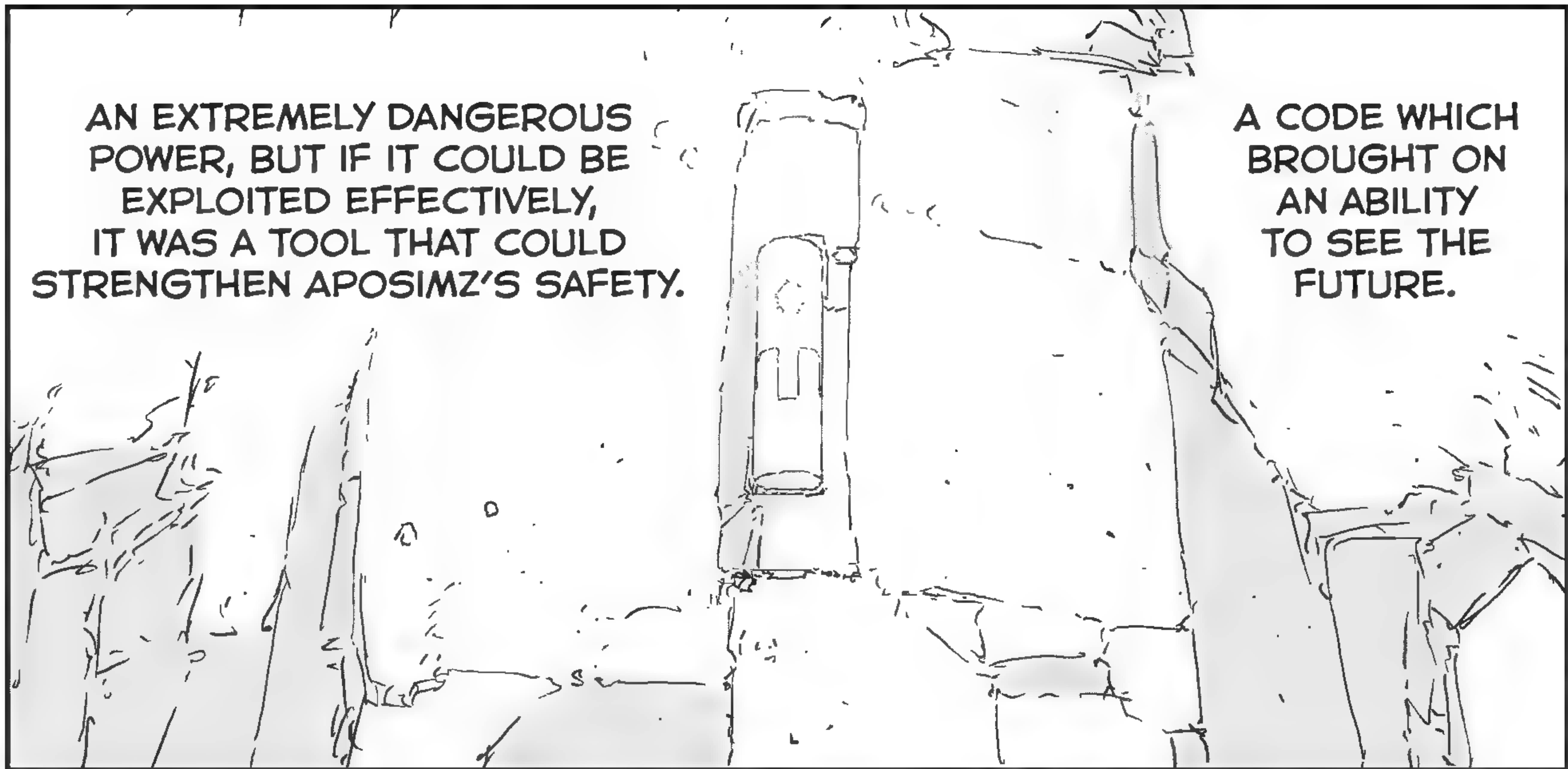


AND
THEN
THAT
CODE WAS
CREATED.



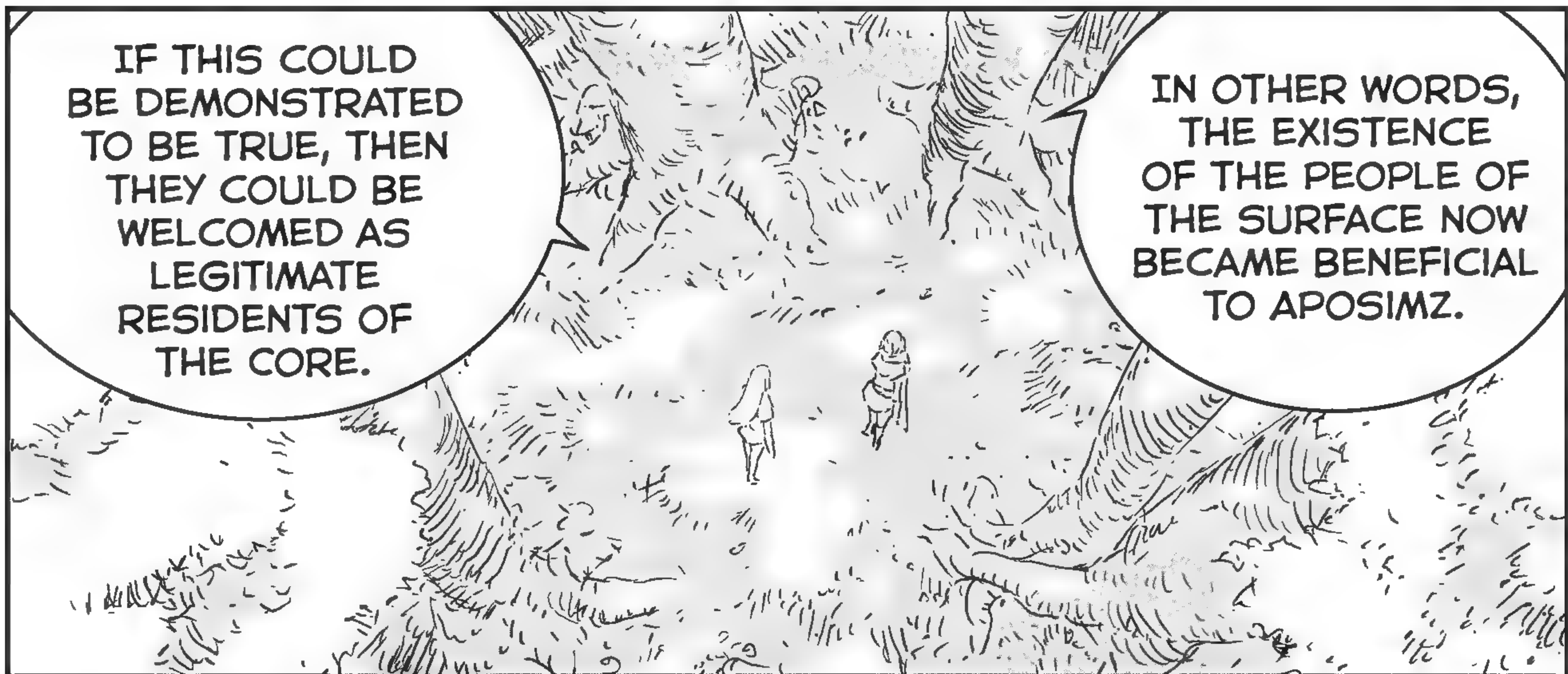
BUT TO
APOSIMZ THEY
REMAINED,
AS EVER, A
THREAT.

BEFORE I WAS ABLE TO
DECIDE, THEY WENT INTO
DECLINE THROUGH WARS
BETWEEN NATIONS OF
THE SURFACE AND THE
FRAME DISEASE.



AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS
POWER, BUT IF IT COULD BE
EXPLOITED EFFECTIVELY,
IT WAS A TOOL THAT COULD
STRENGTHEN APOSIMZ'S SAFETY.

A CODE WHICH
BROUGHT ON
AN ABILITY
TO SEE THE
FUTURE.



IF THIS COULD
BE DEMONSTRATED
TO BE TRUE, THEN
THEY COULD BE
WELCOMED AS
LEGITIMATE
RESIDENTS OF
THE CORE.

IN OTHER WORDS,
THE EXISTENCE
OF THE PEOPLE OF
THE SURFACE NOW
BECAME BENEFICIAL
TO APOSIMZ.



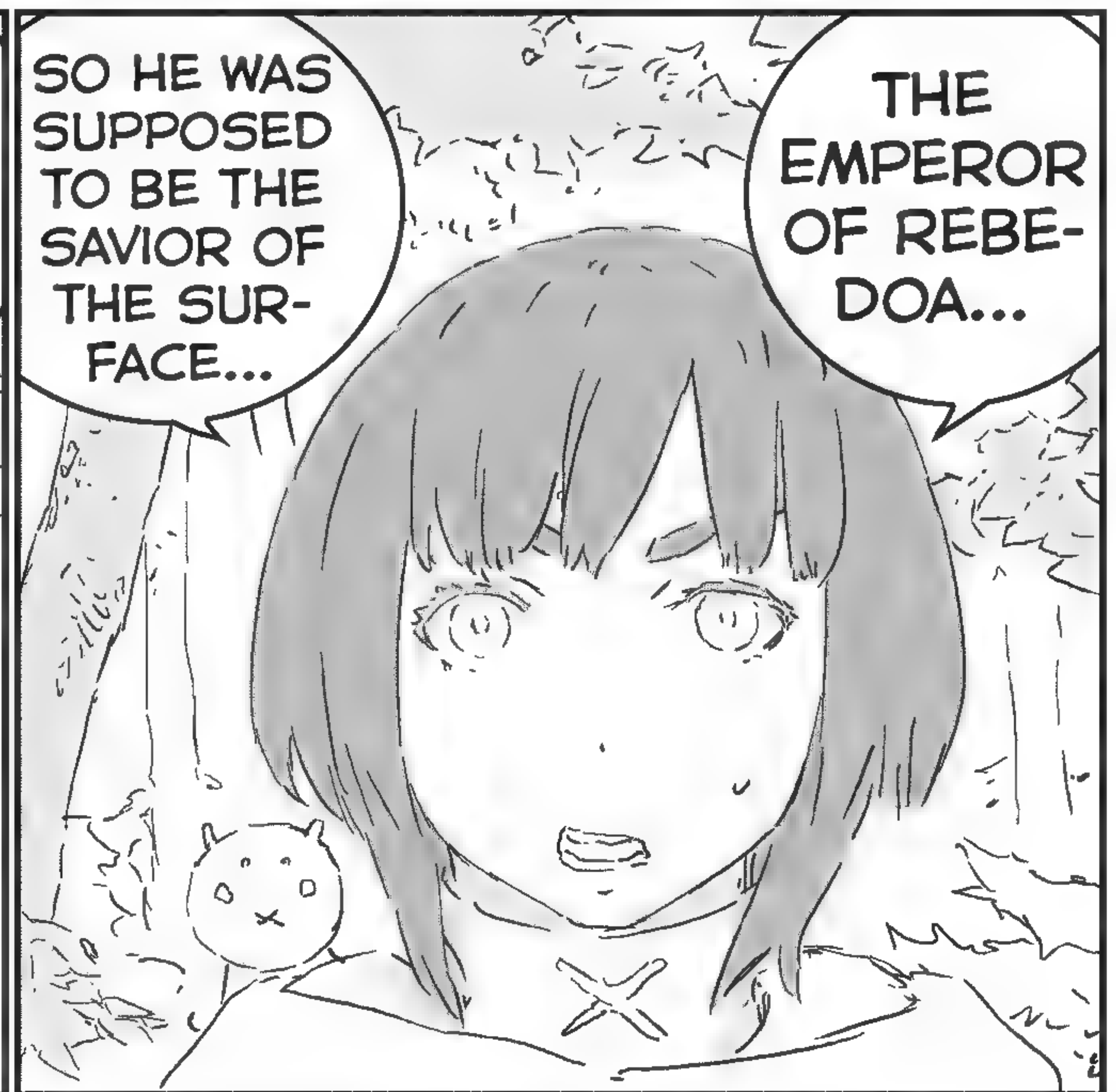
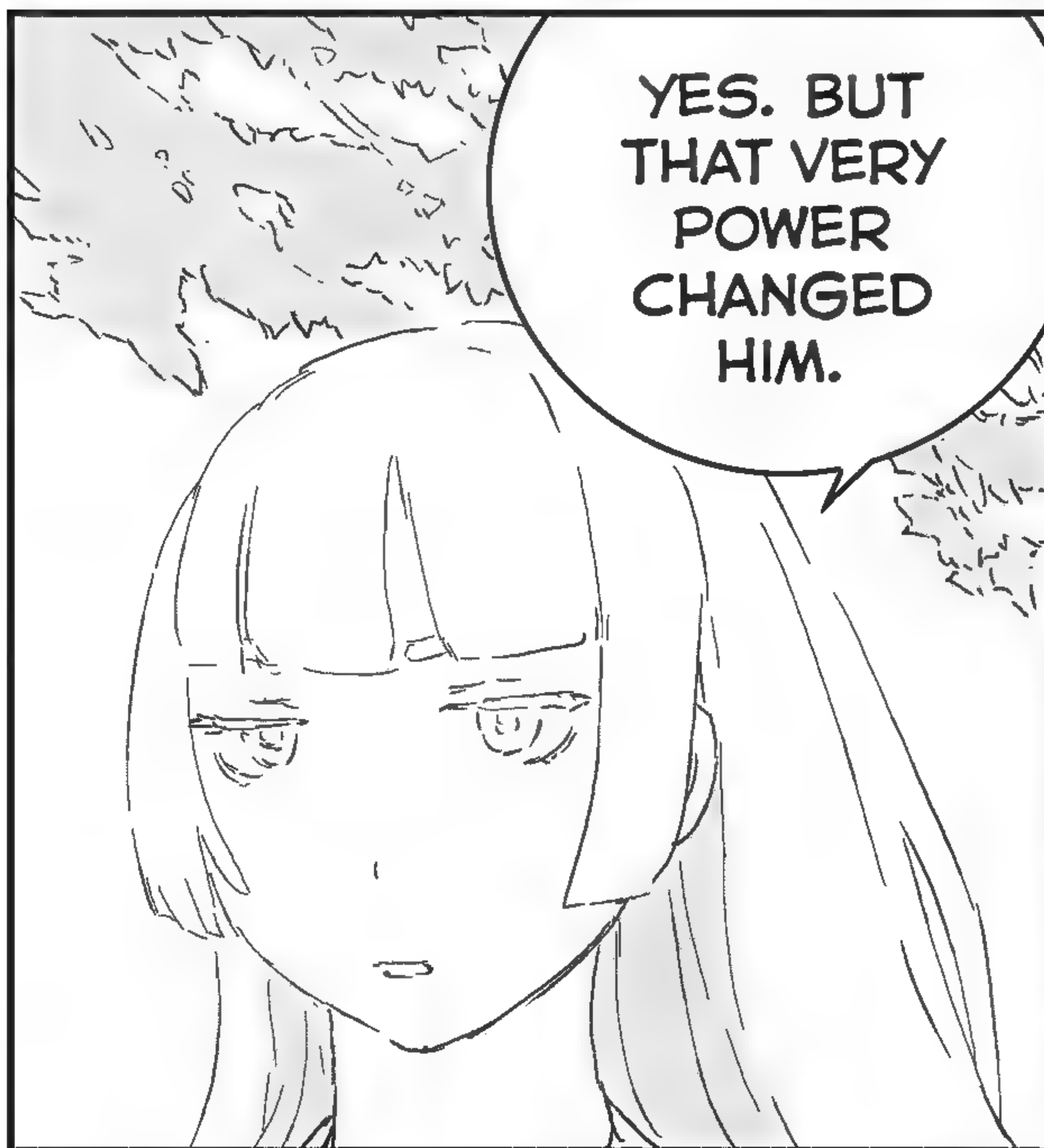
WHO
NEEDED THE
TRANSFORM-
ATION...

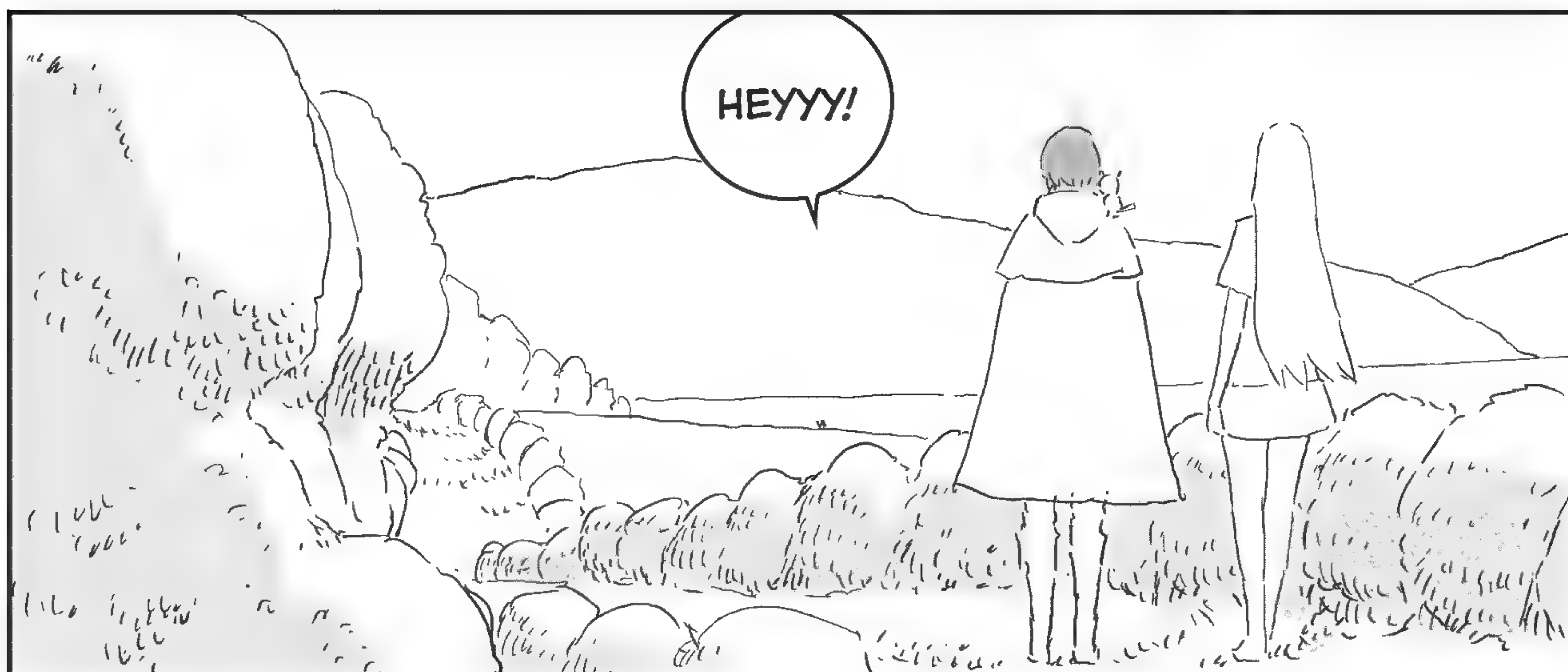
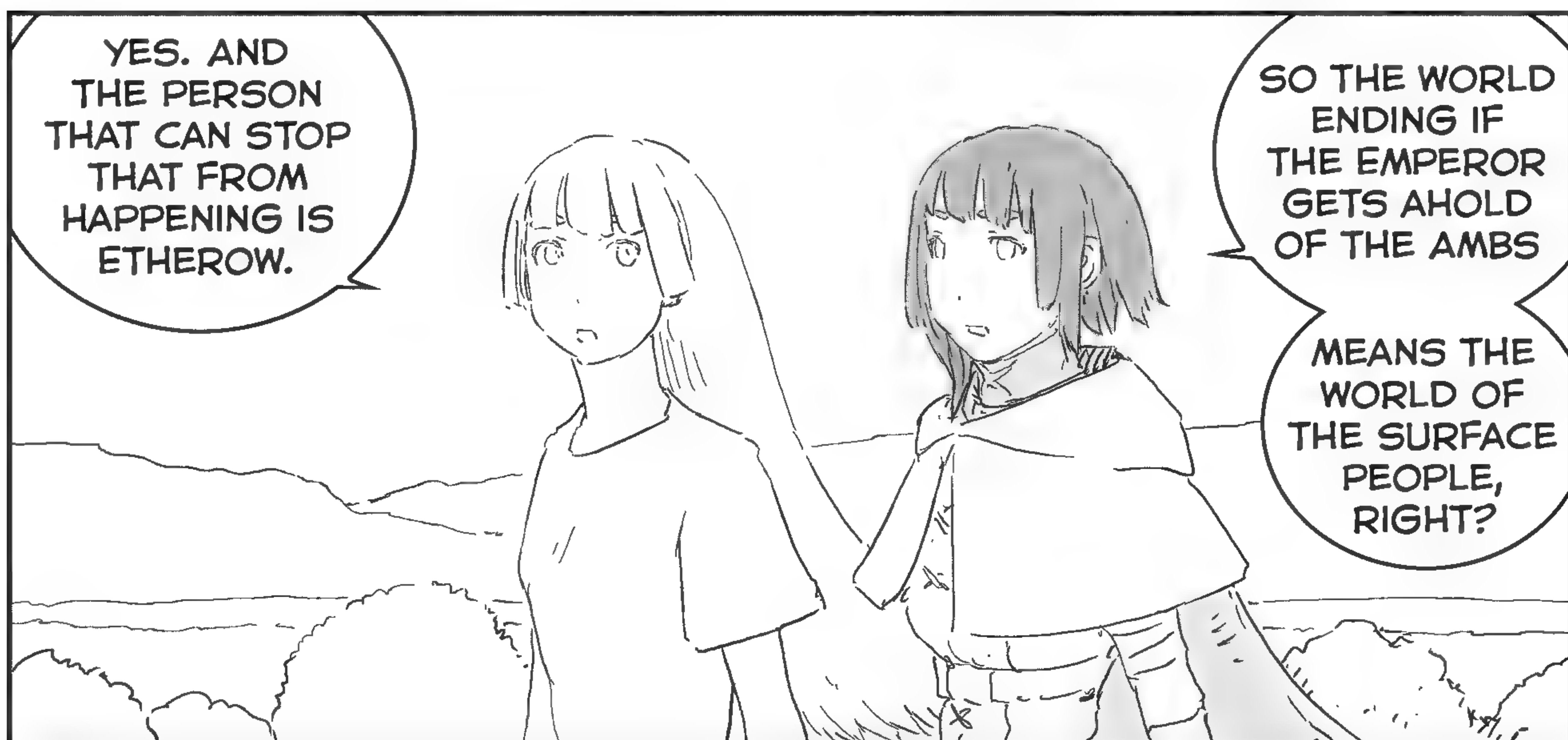
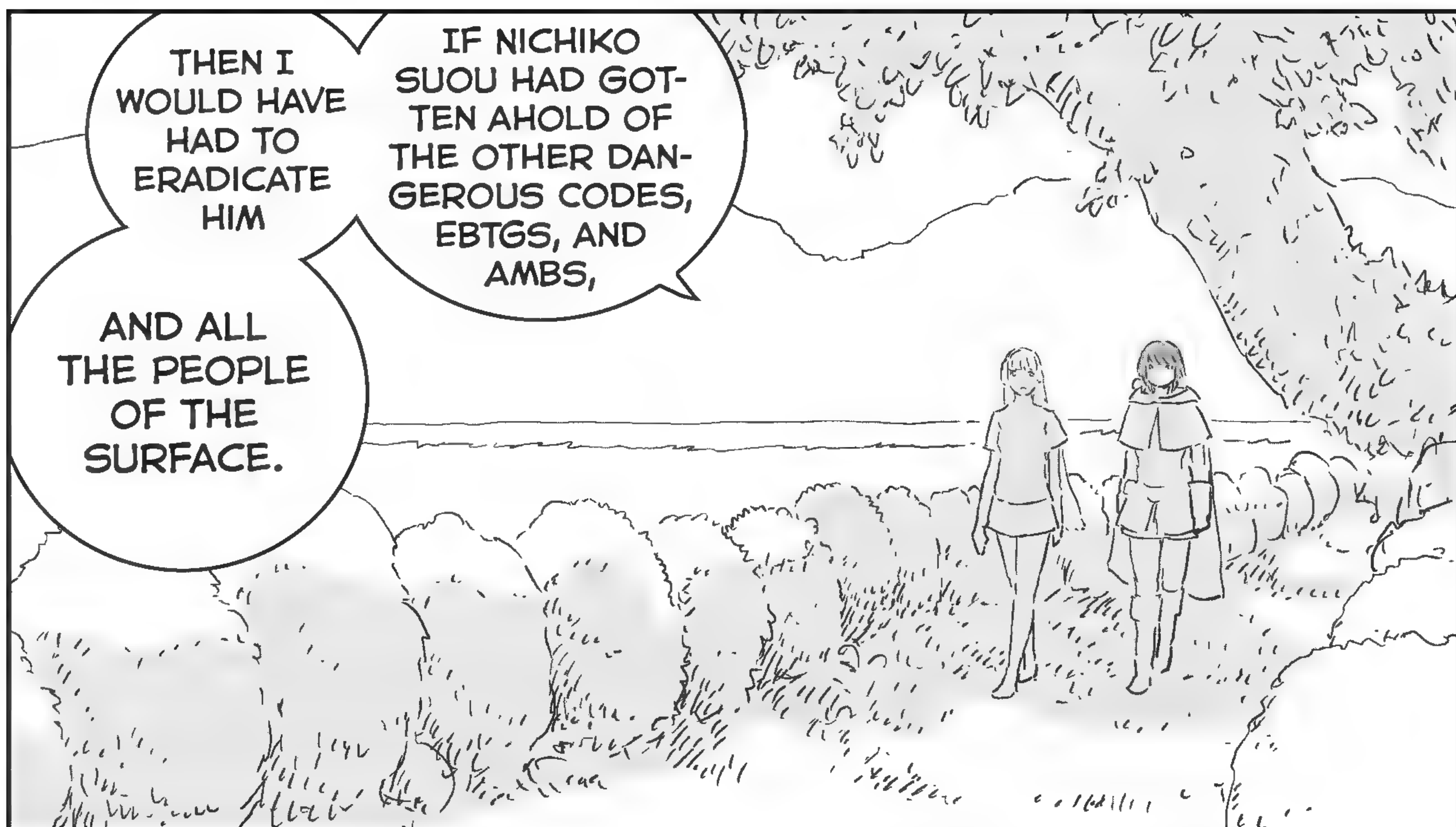
FOR A
PERSON WHO
COULD BE A
GUARDIAN OF
APOSIMZ,

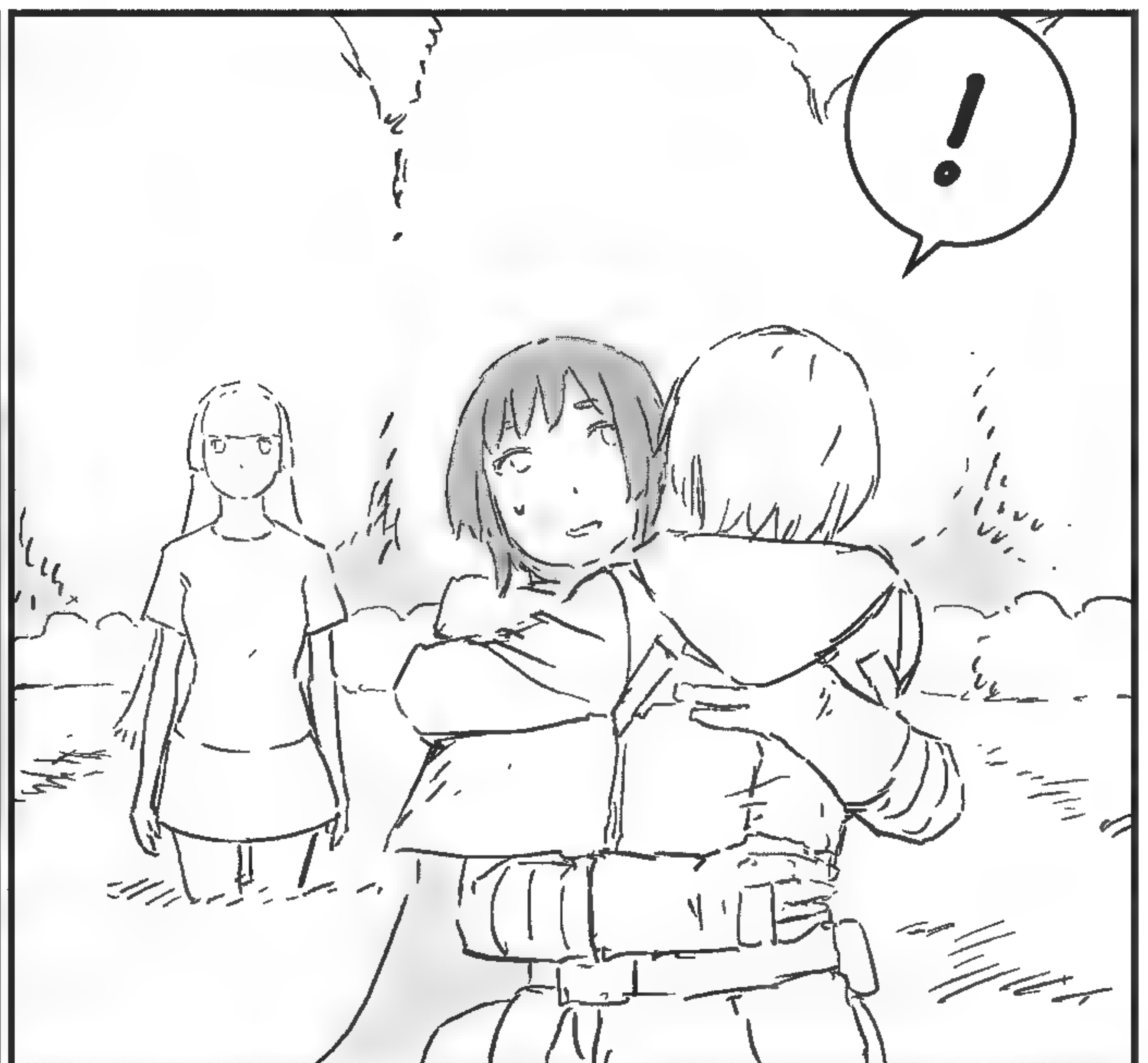
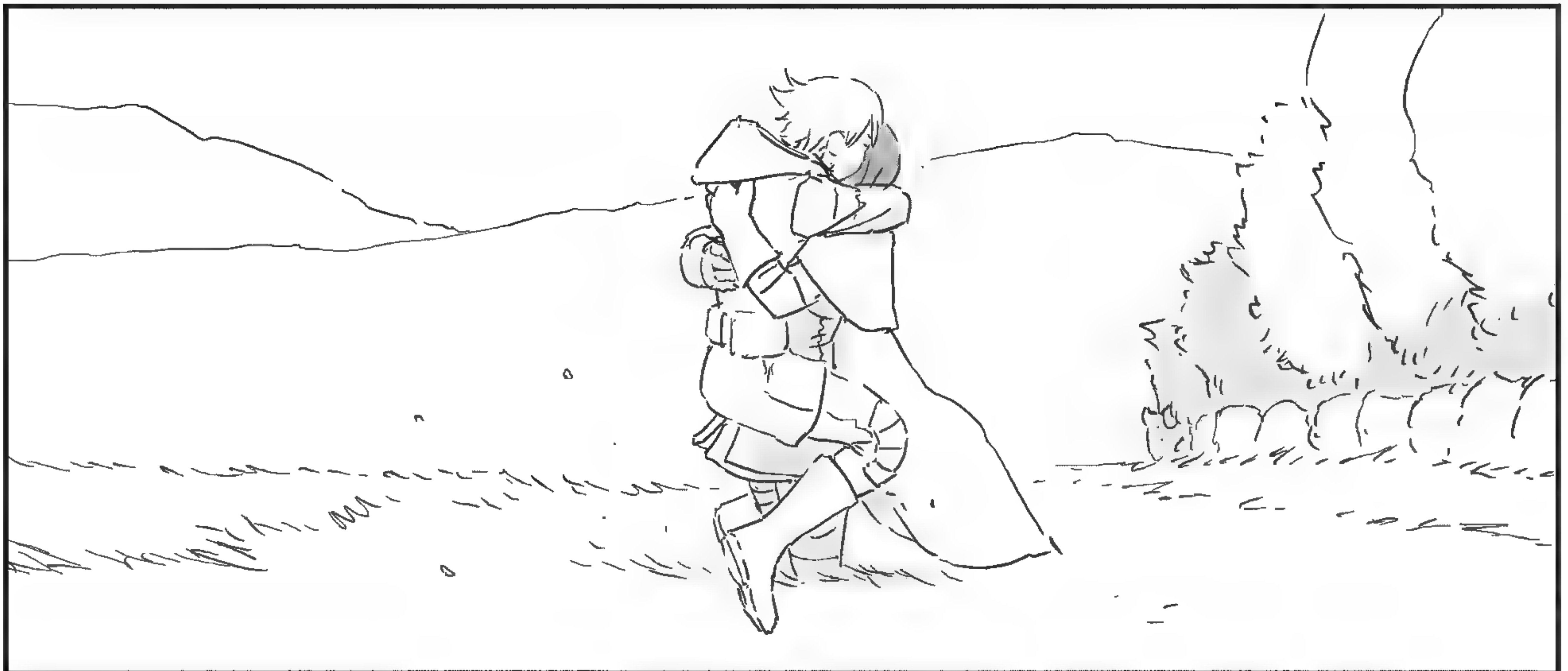
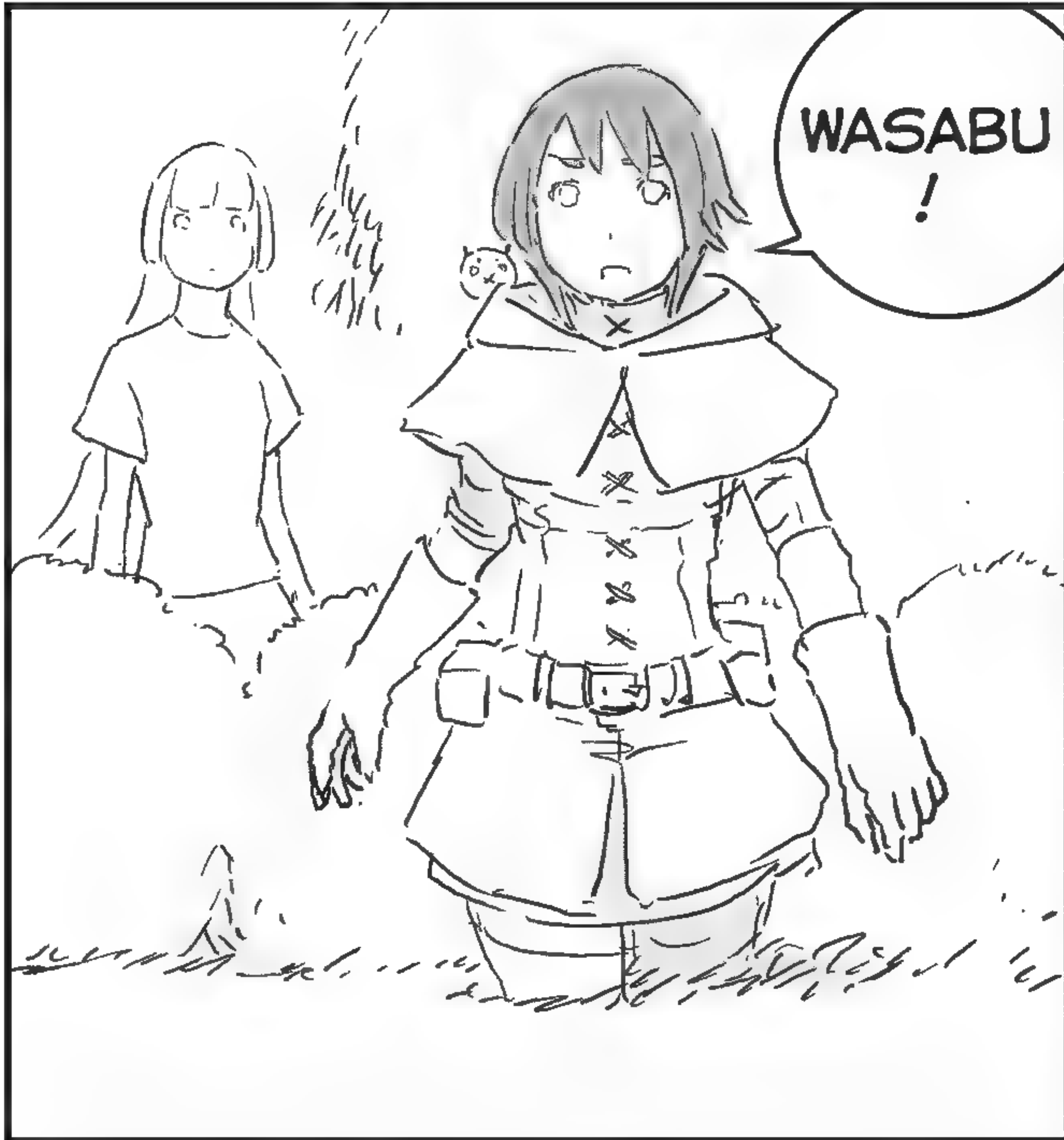
AND SO
I CAME
LOOKING

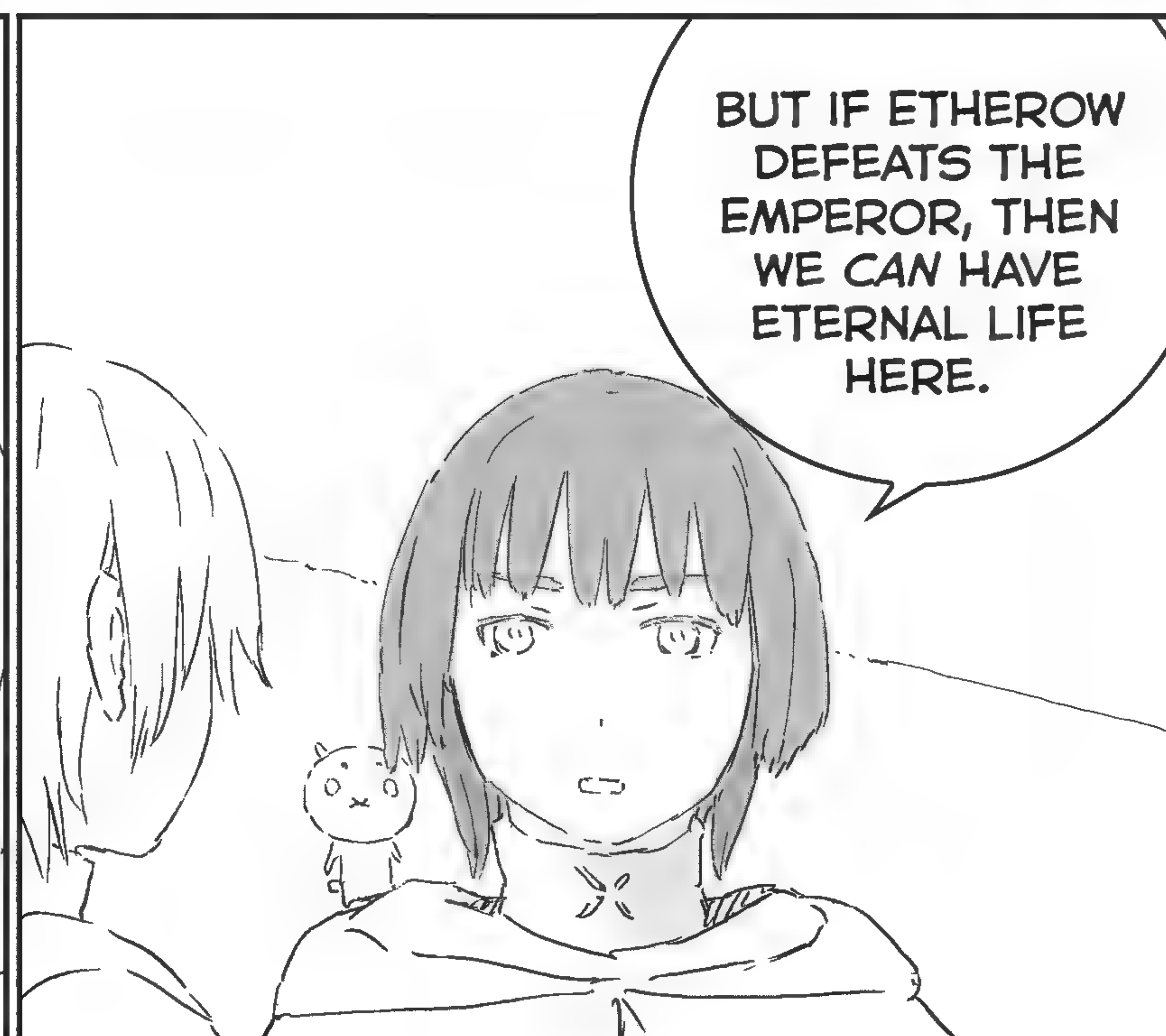
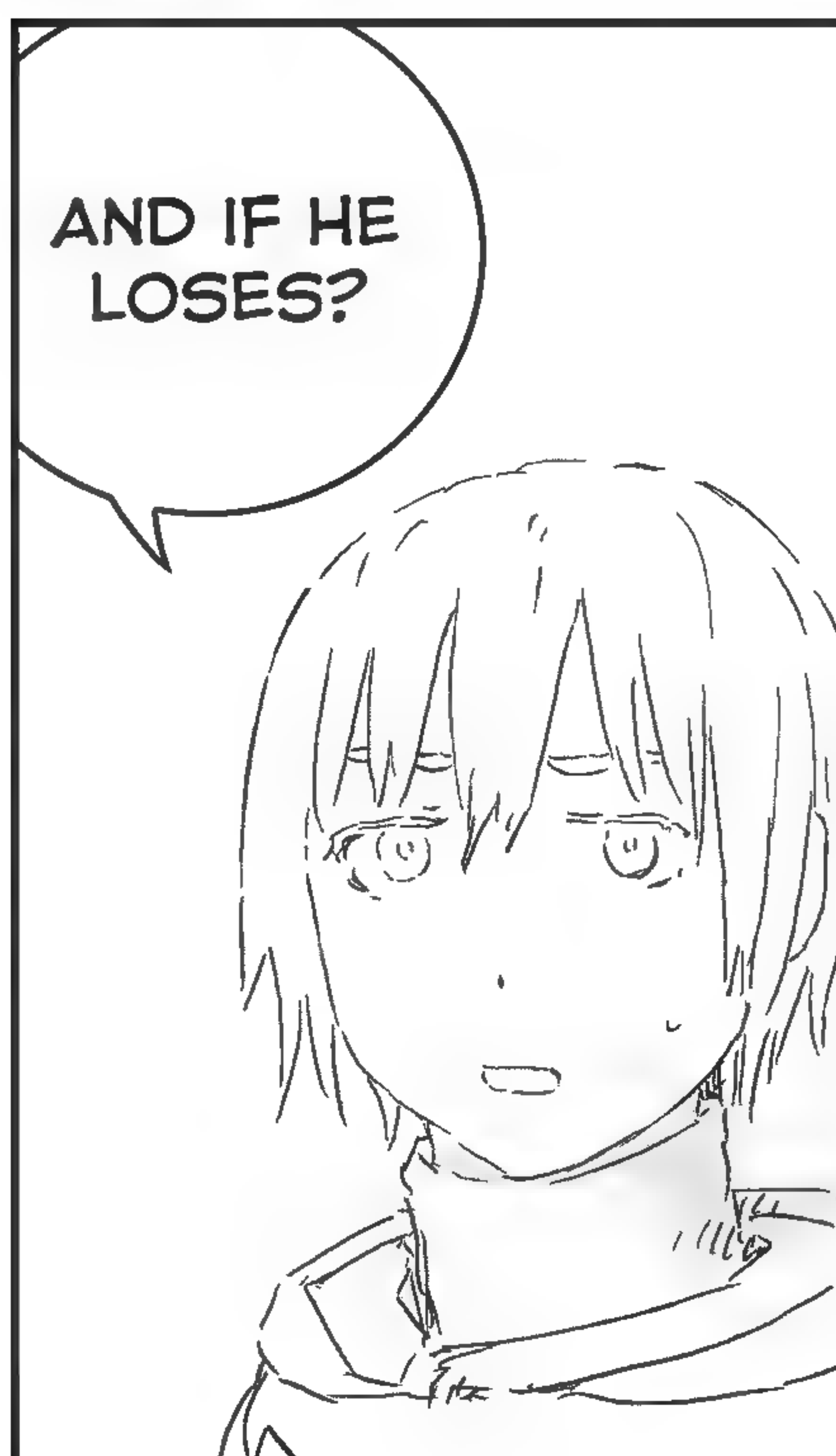
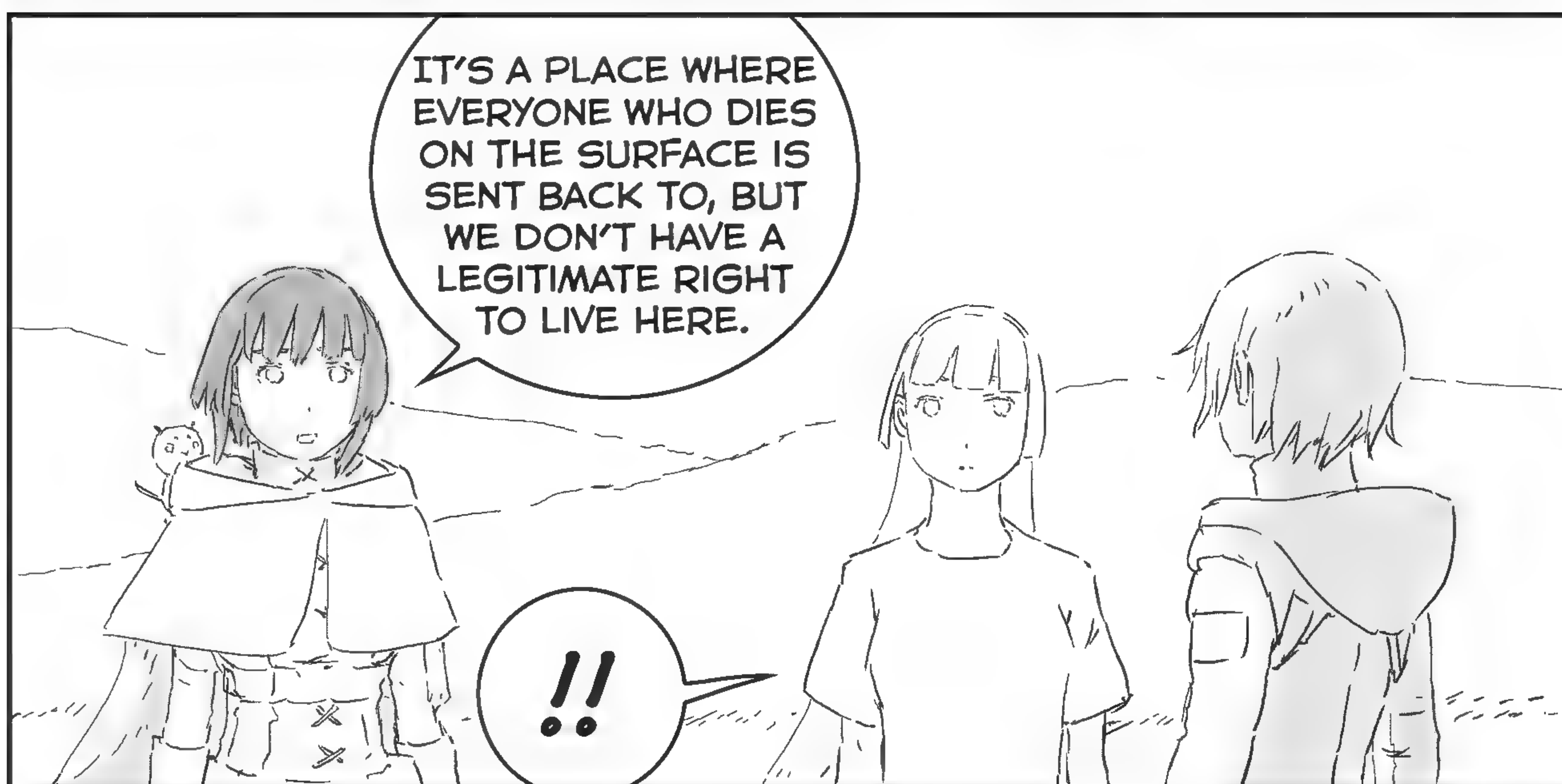
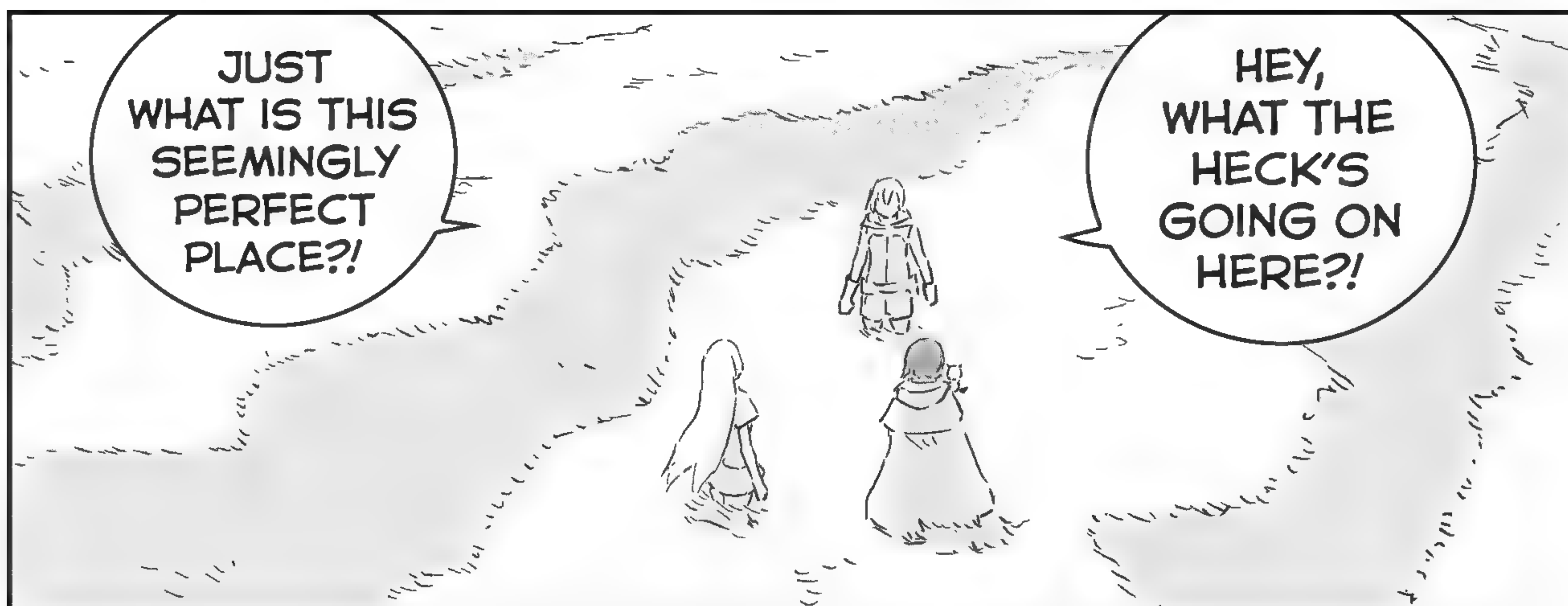
AND WAS
COMPATIBLE
WITH THE
CODE...

FOR A
PERSON WHO
SATISFIED
ALL THESE
CONDITIONS.

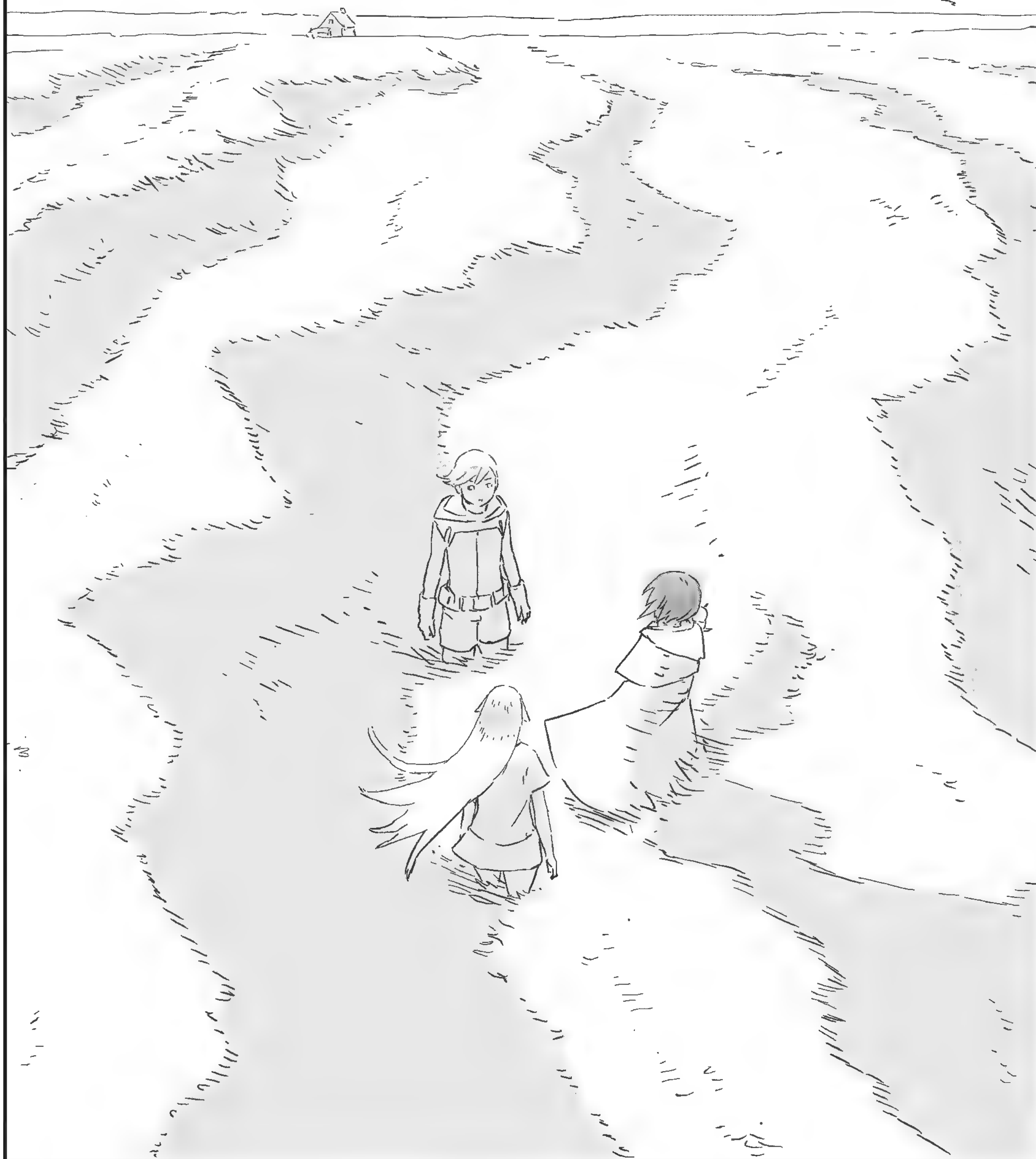








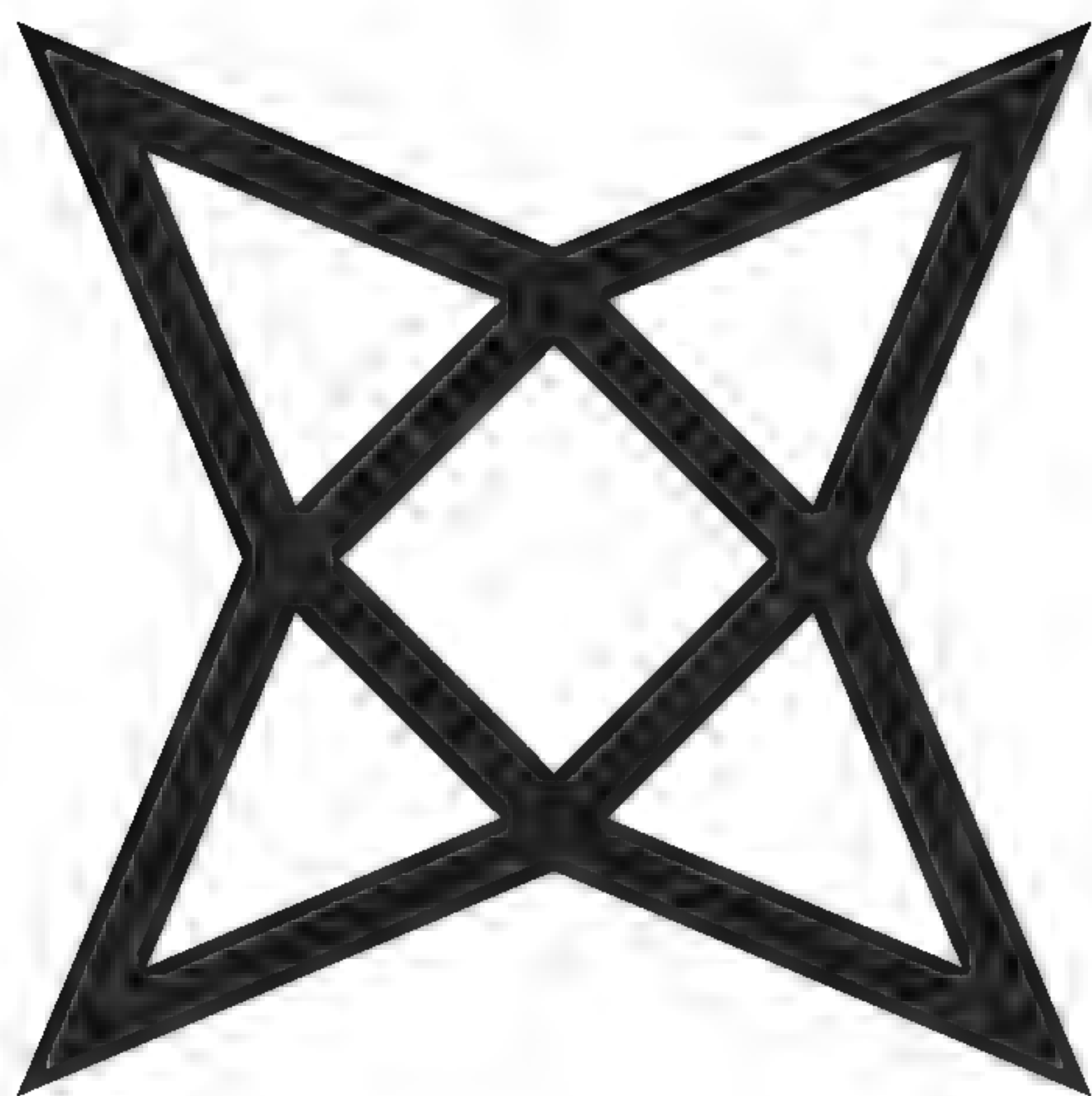
THEN WE'LL
BE ERASED
FROM THIS
WORLD, AND
WE'LL NEVER
BE REVIVED
AGAIN.



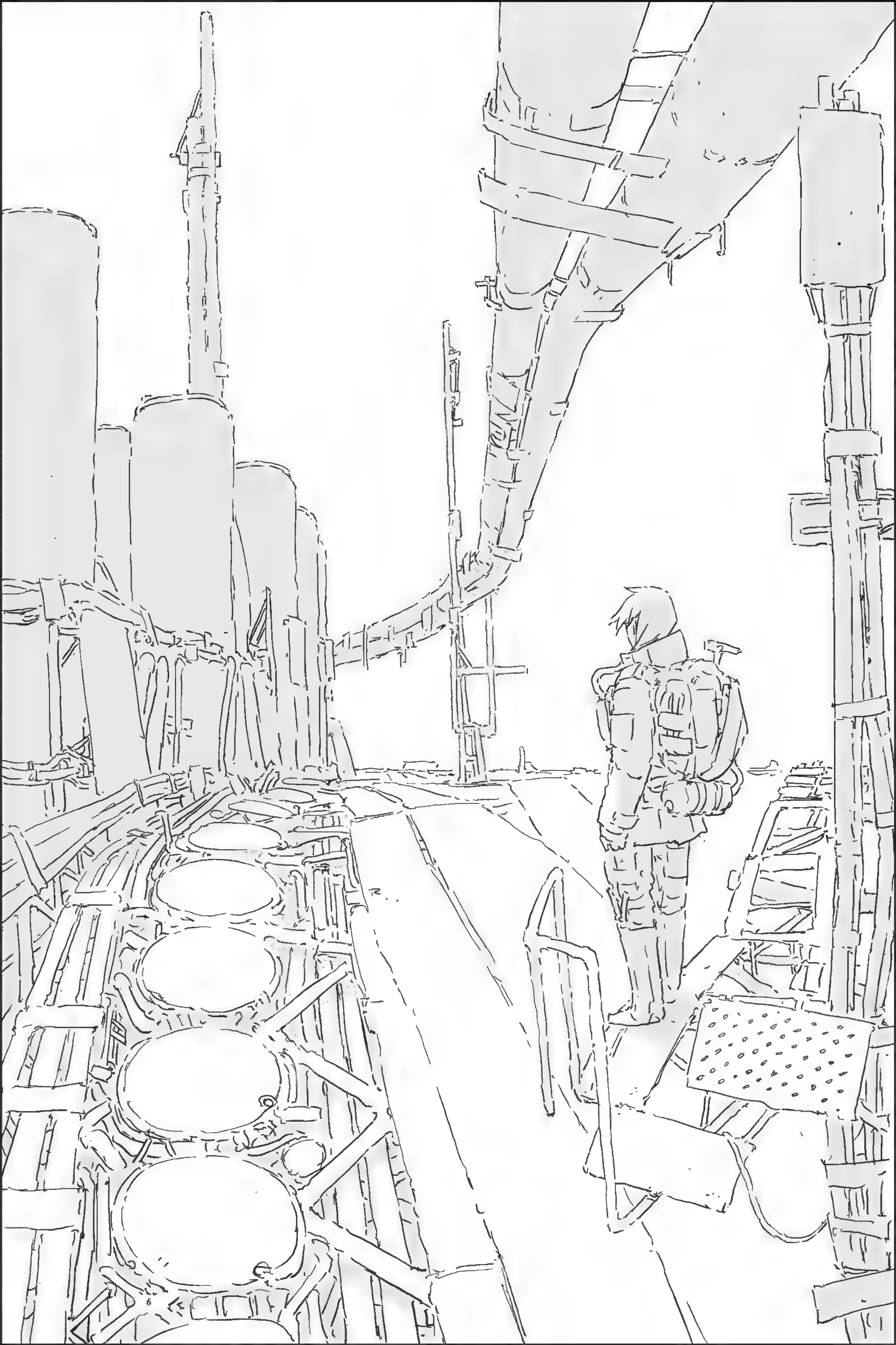
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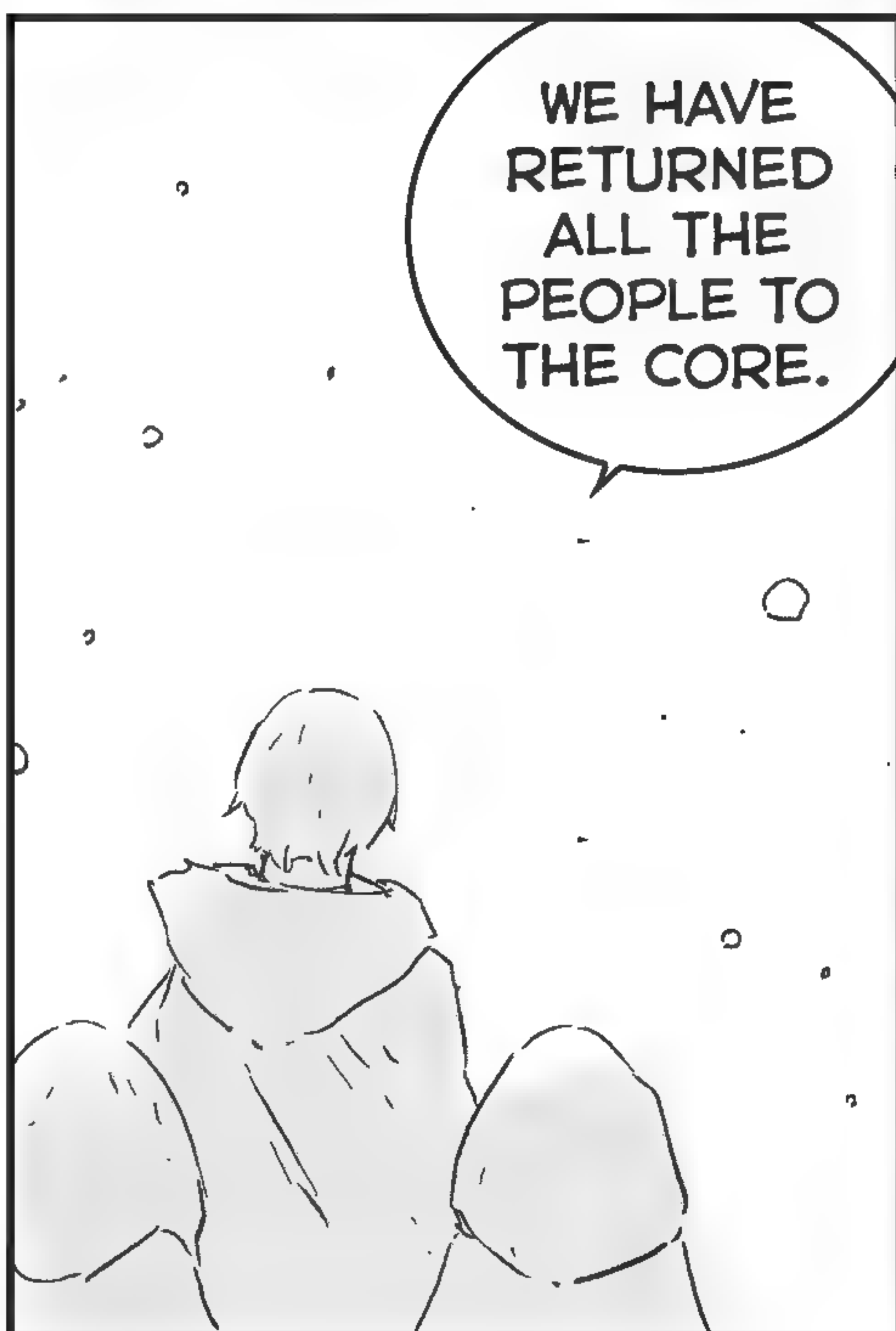
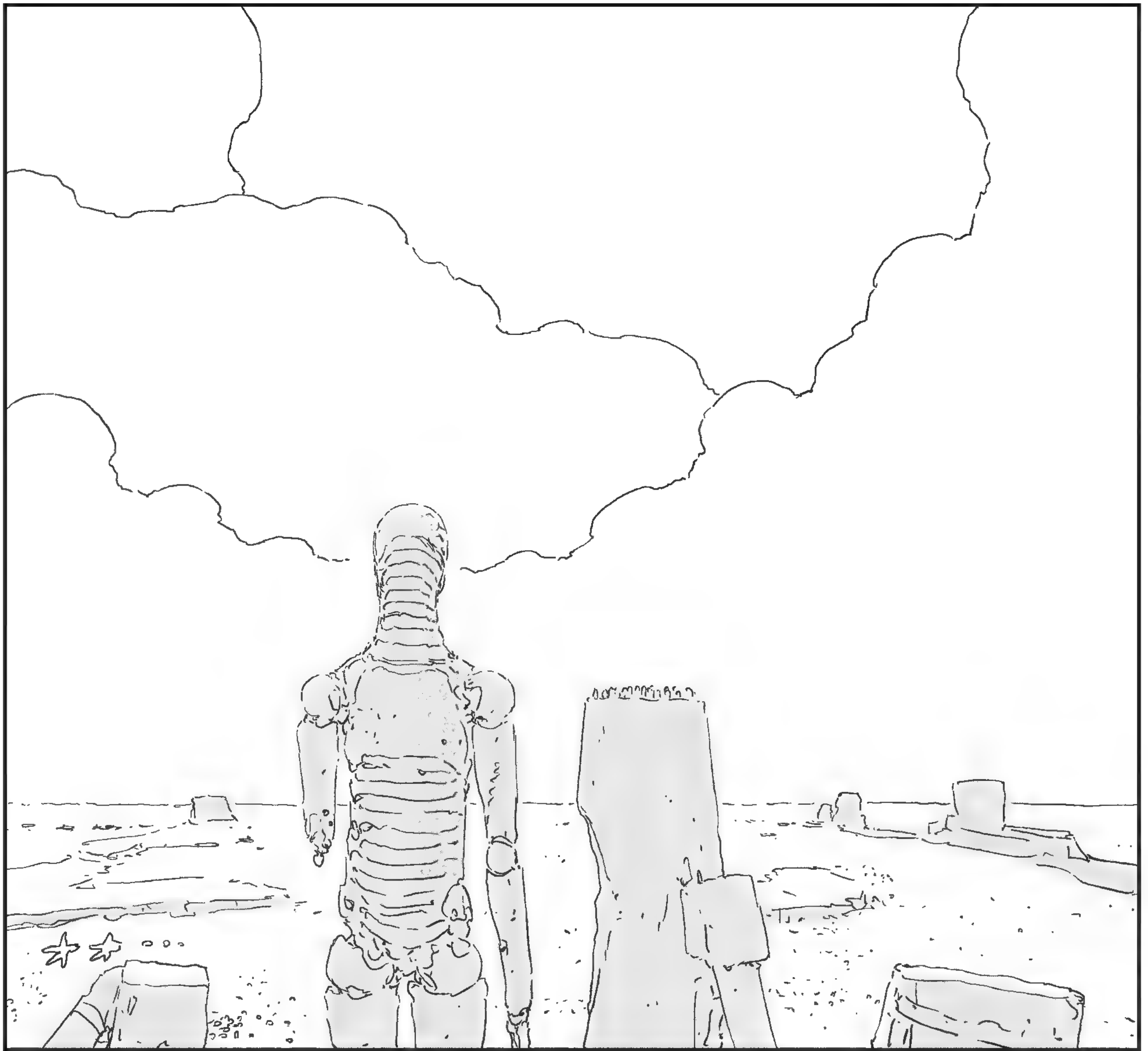
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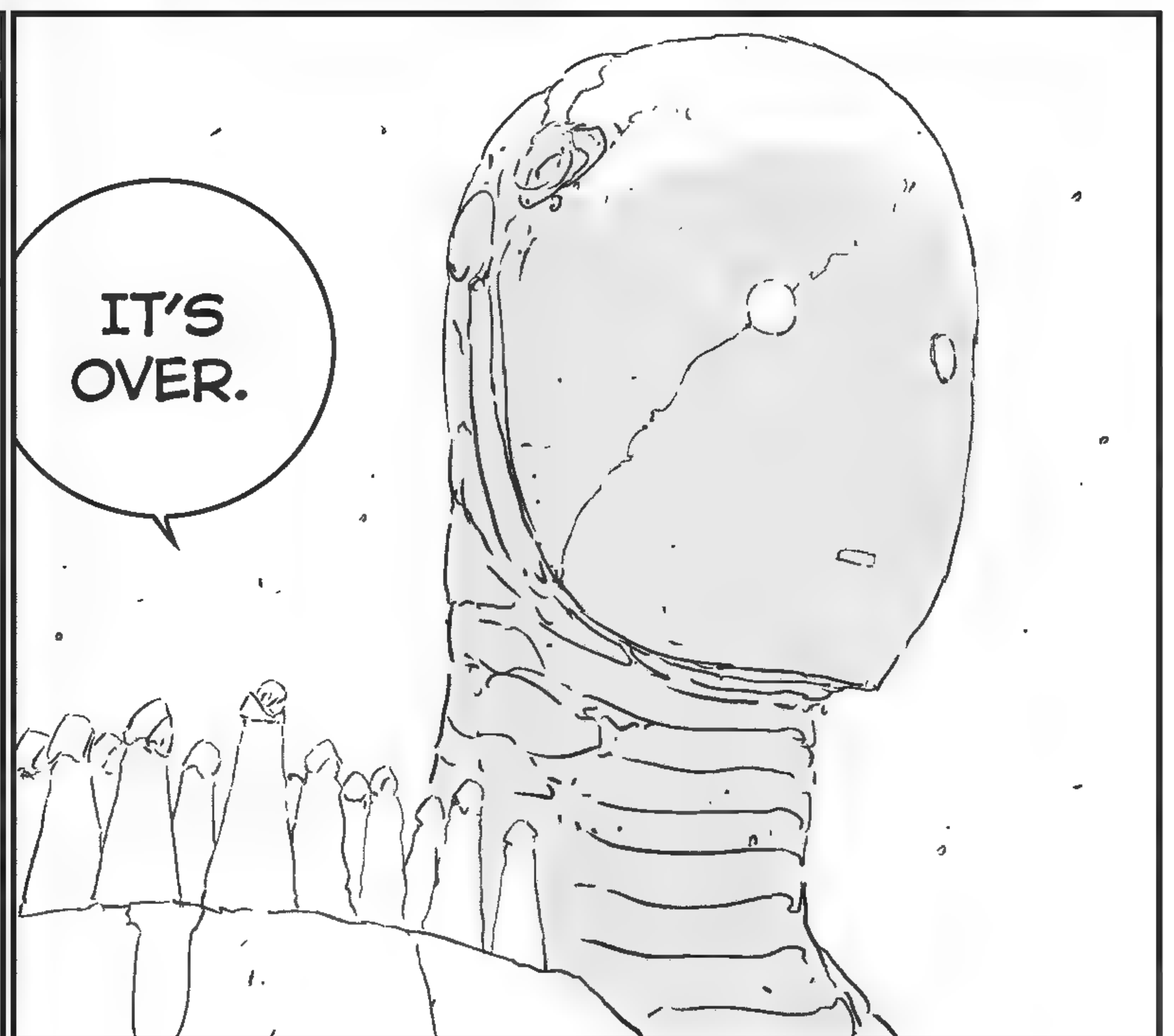


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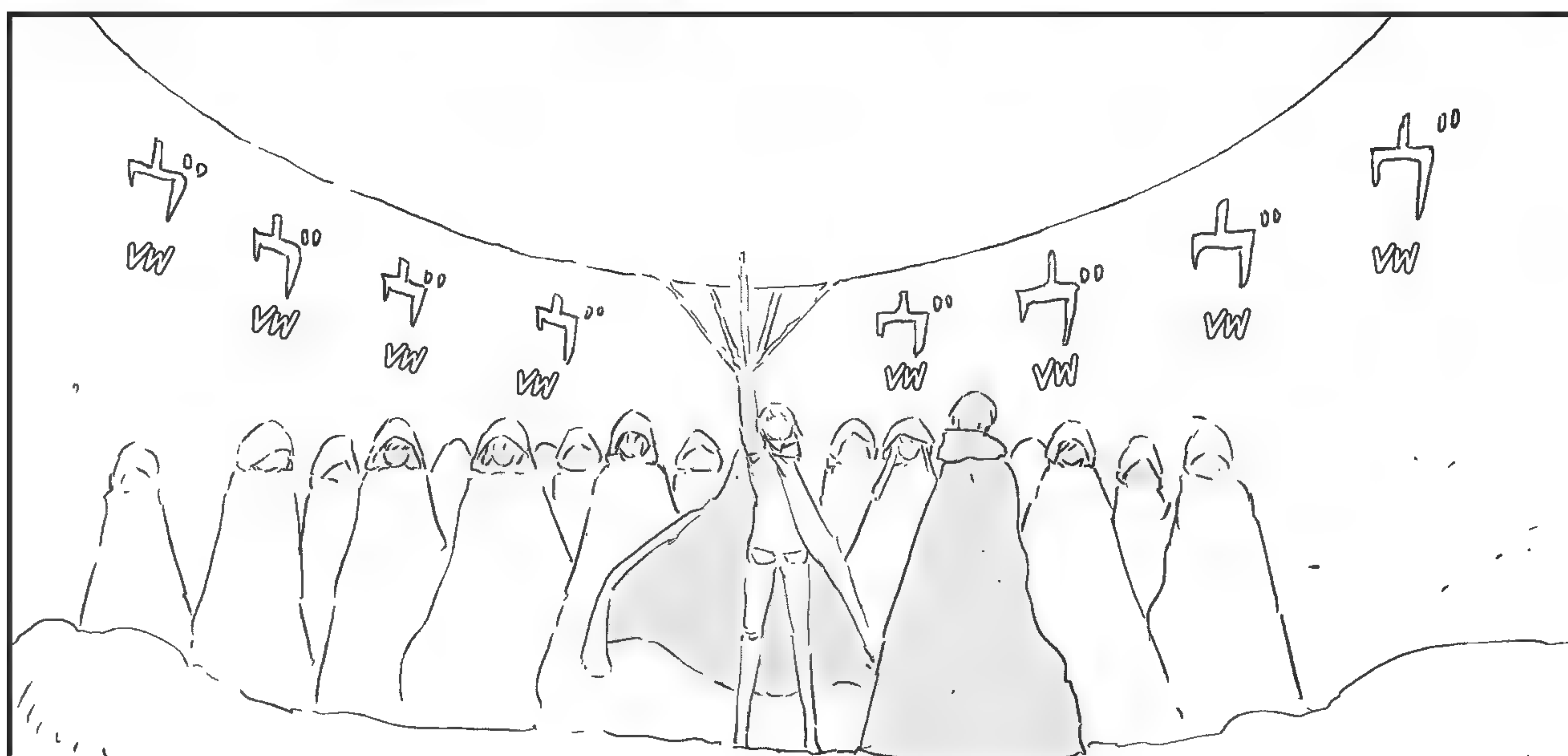
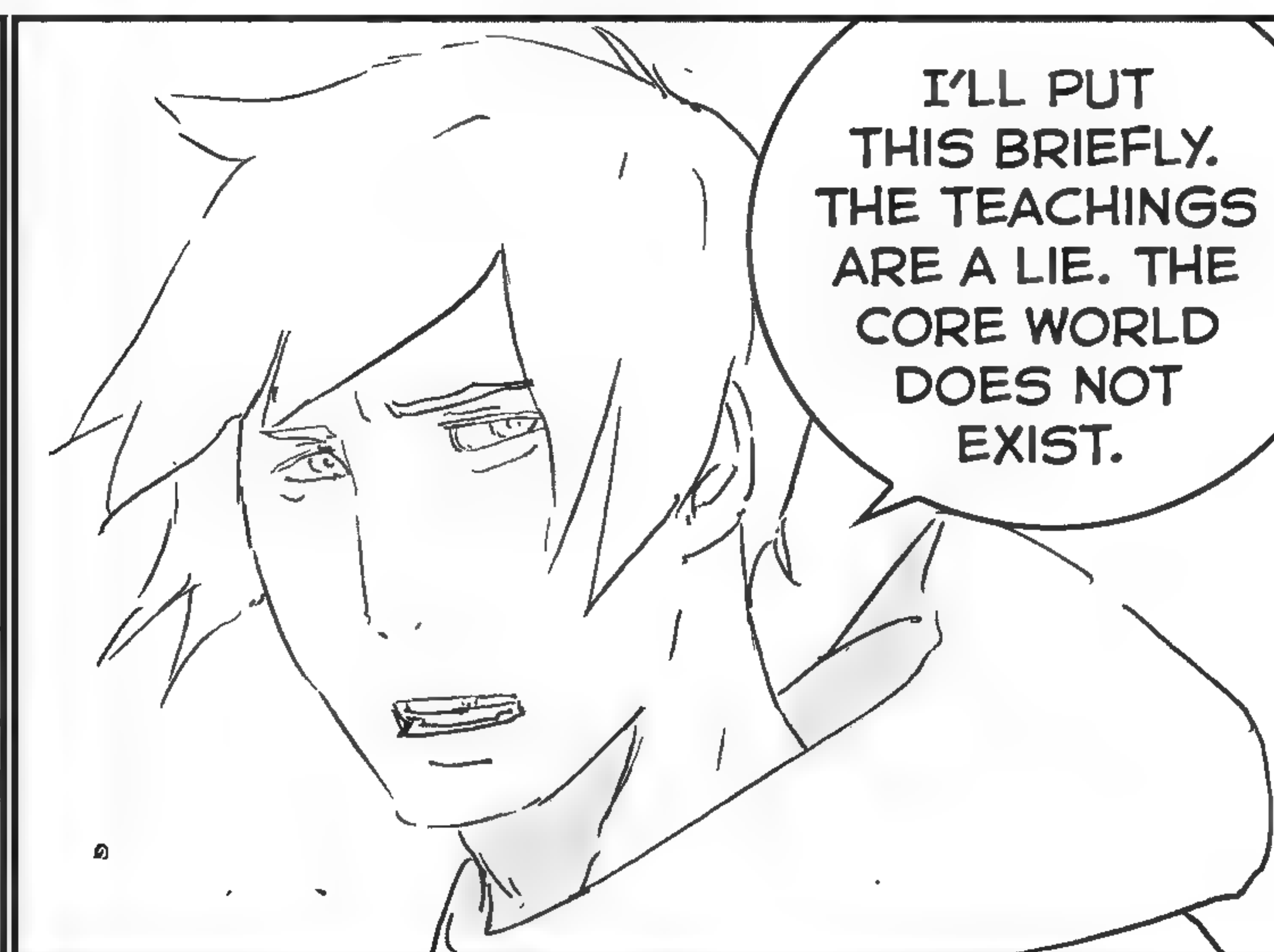
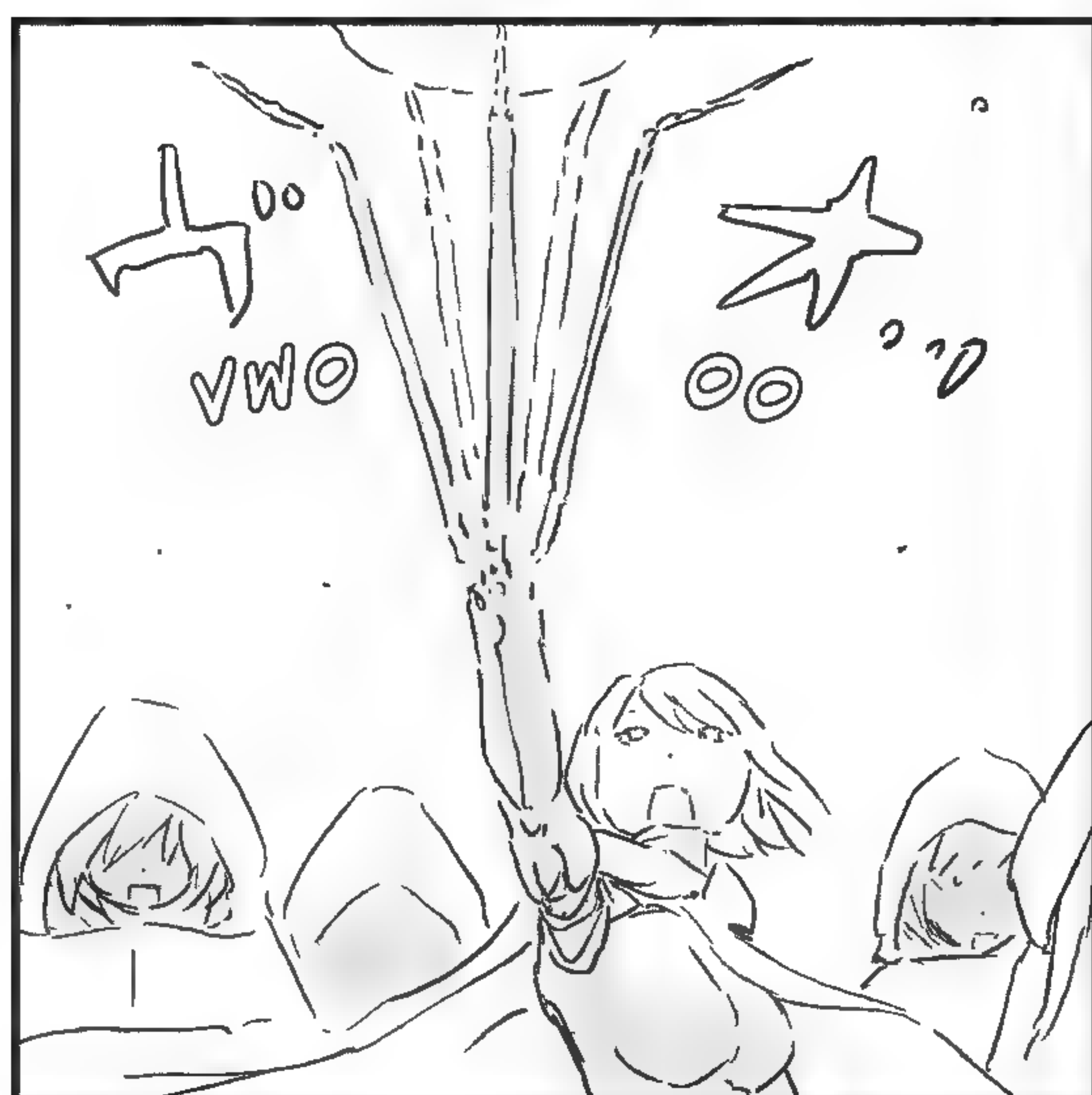
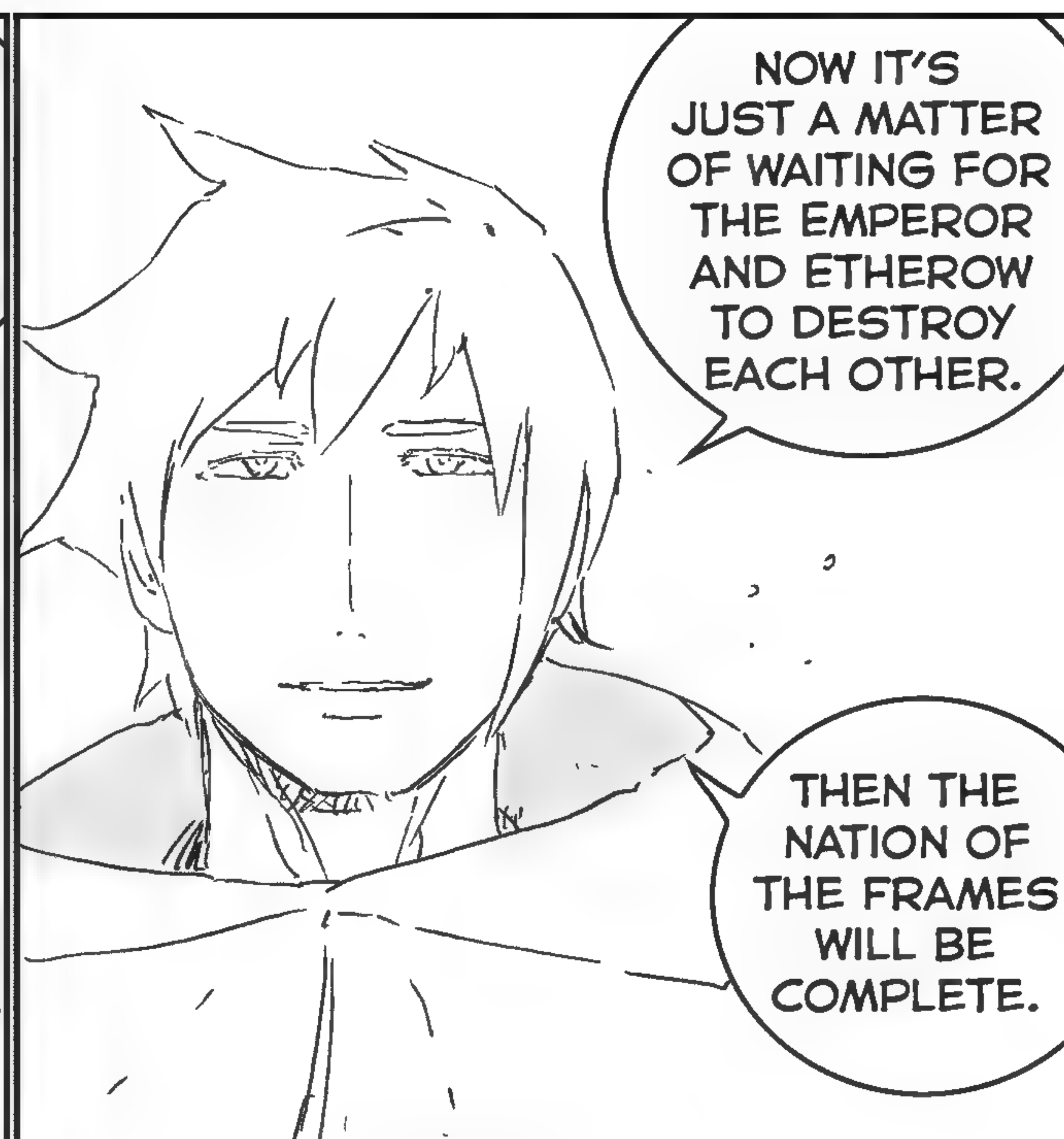




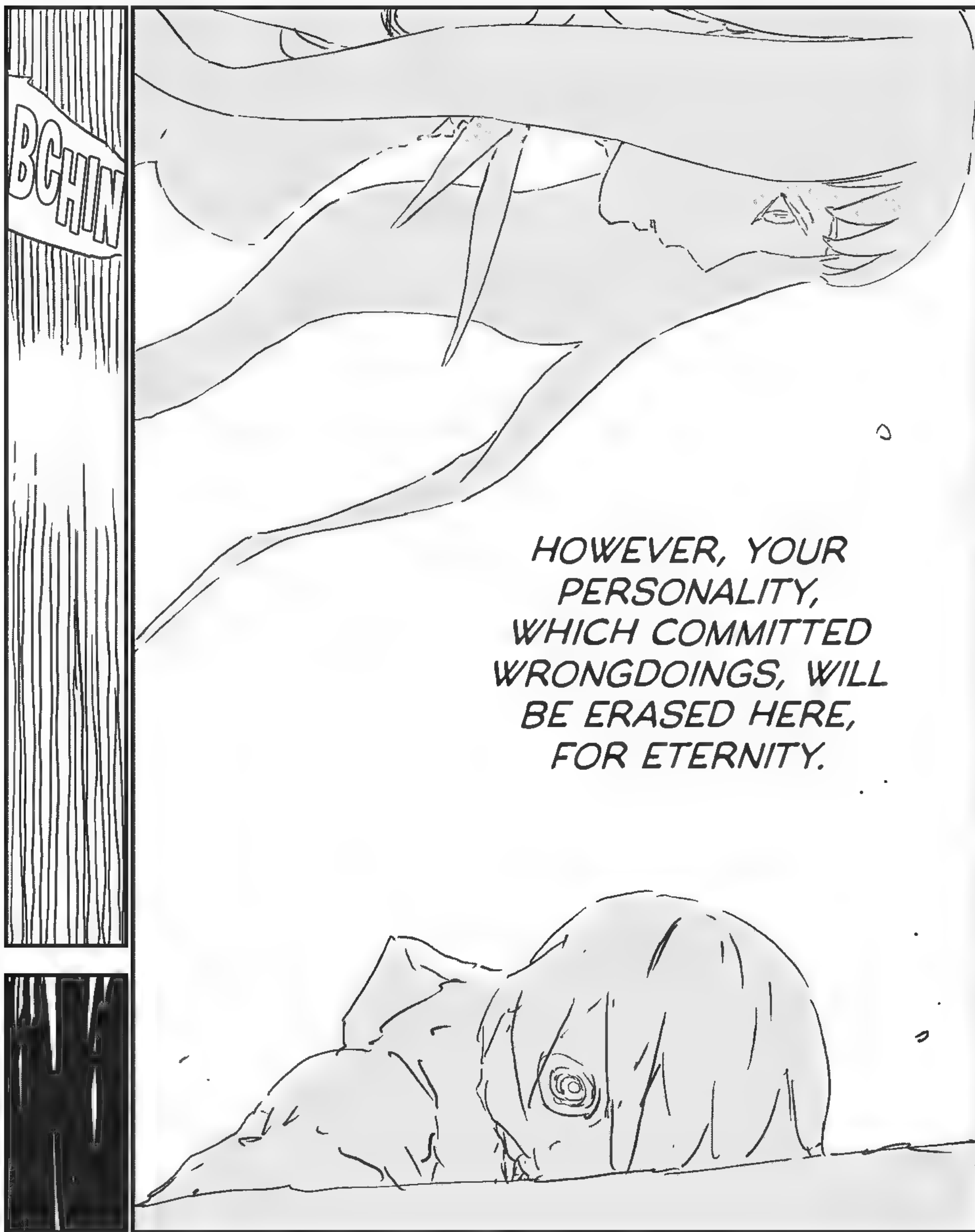
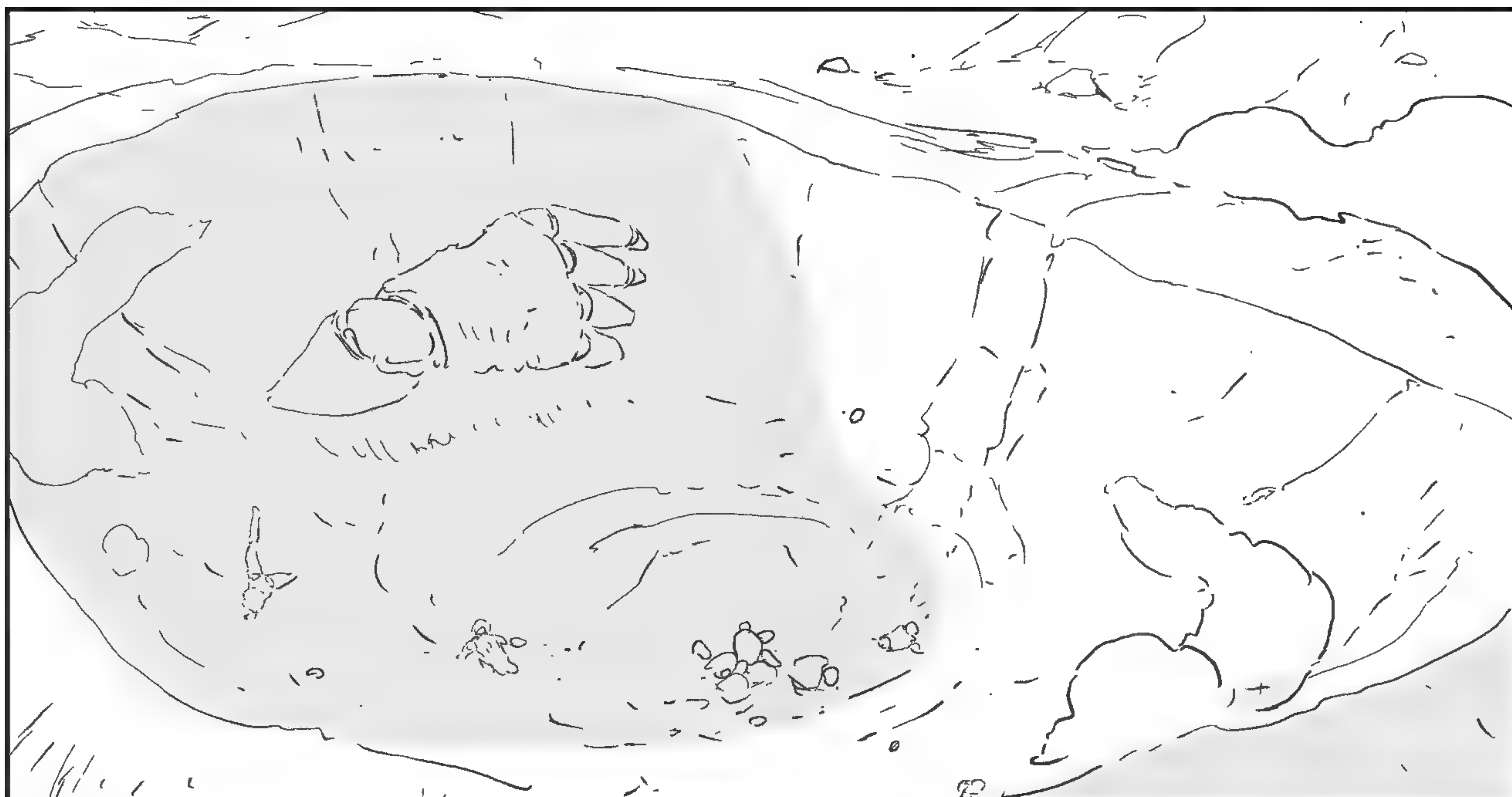
WE HAVE
RETURNED
ALL THE
PEOPLE TO
THE CORE.



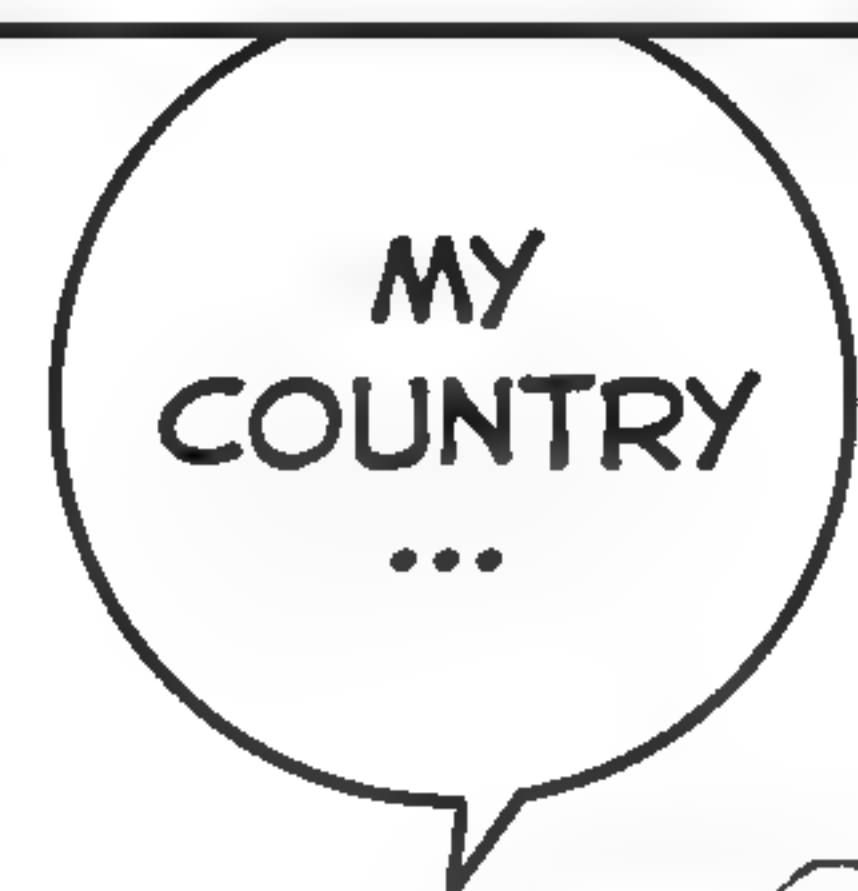
IT'S
OVER.





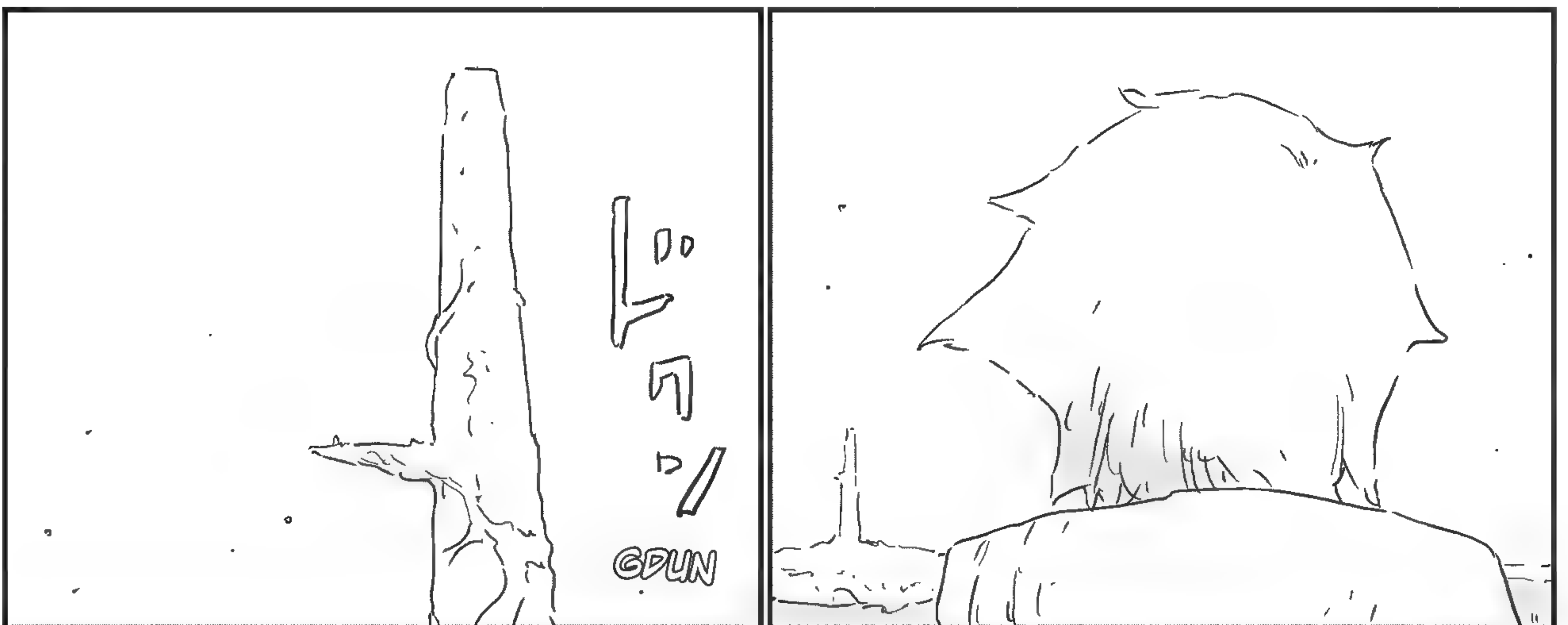
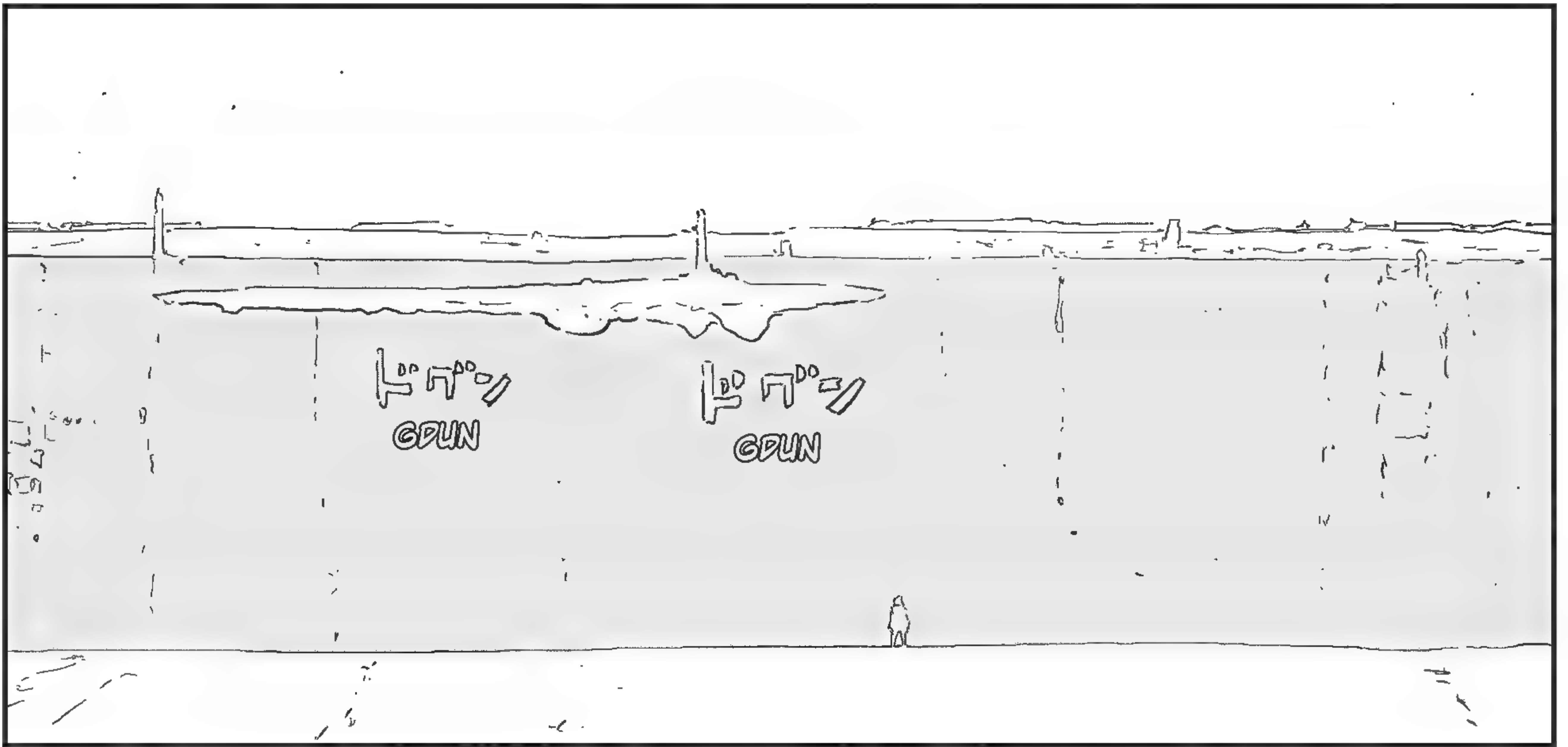
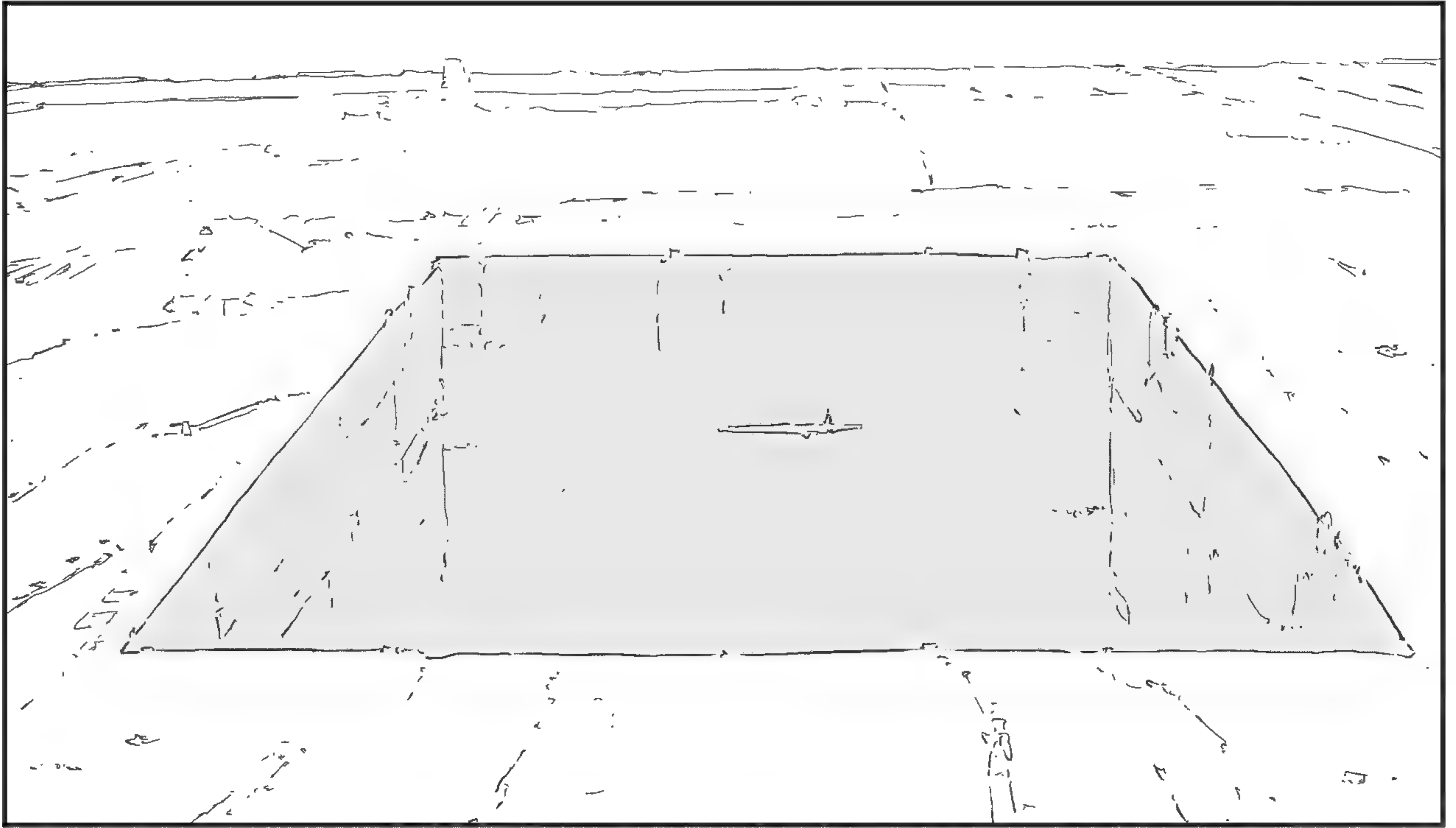


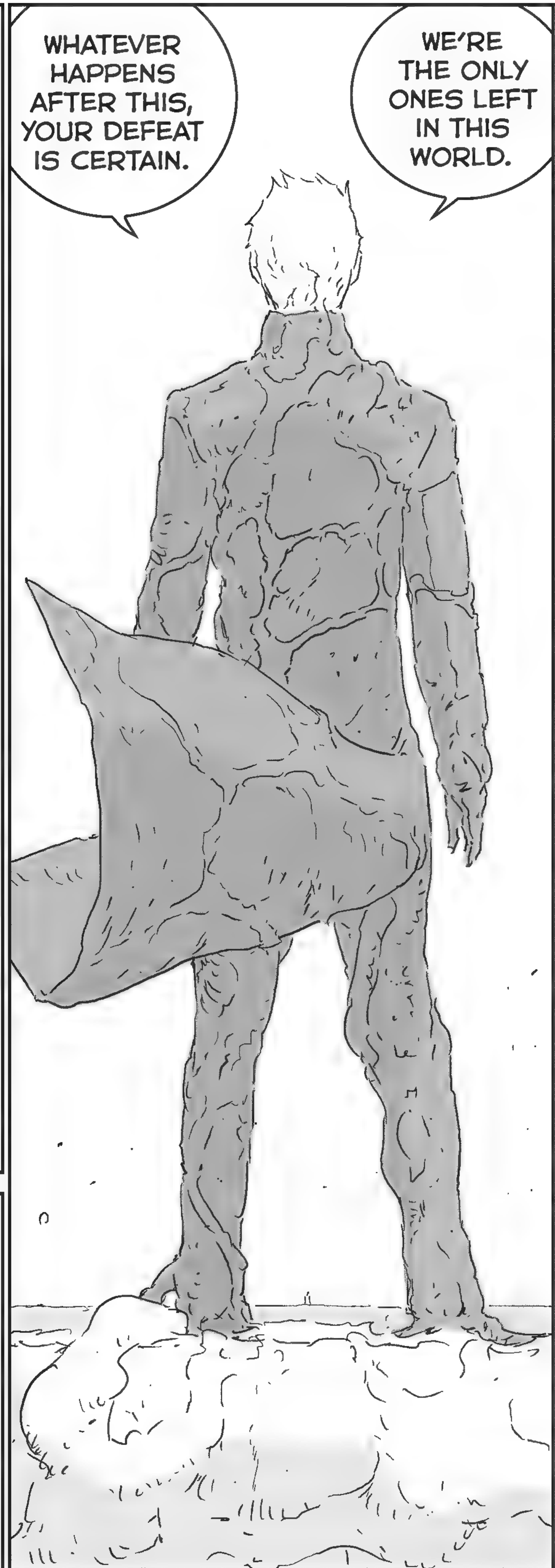
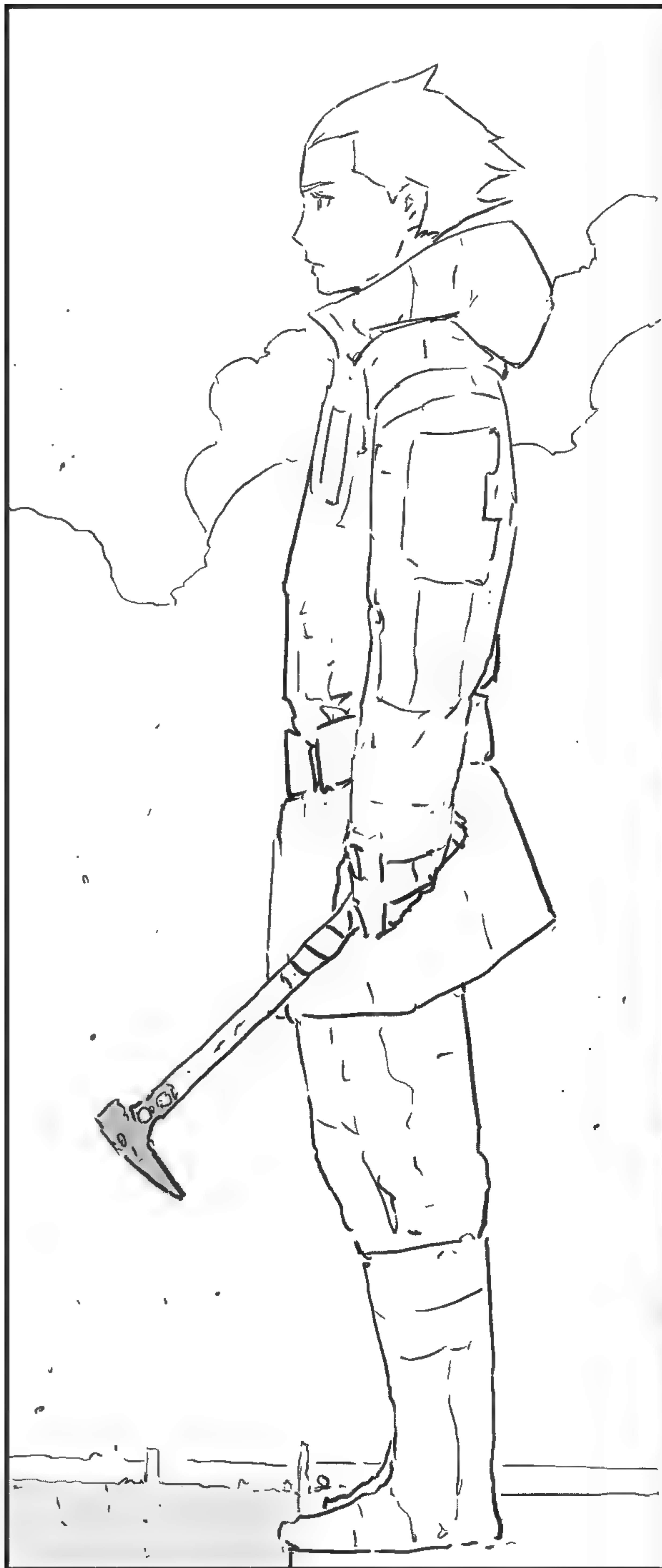
HOWEVER, YOUR
PERSONALITY,
WHICH COMMITTED
WRONGDOINGS, WILL
BE ERASED HERE,
FOR ETERNITY.



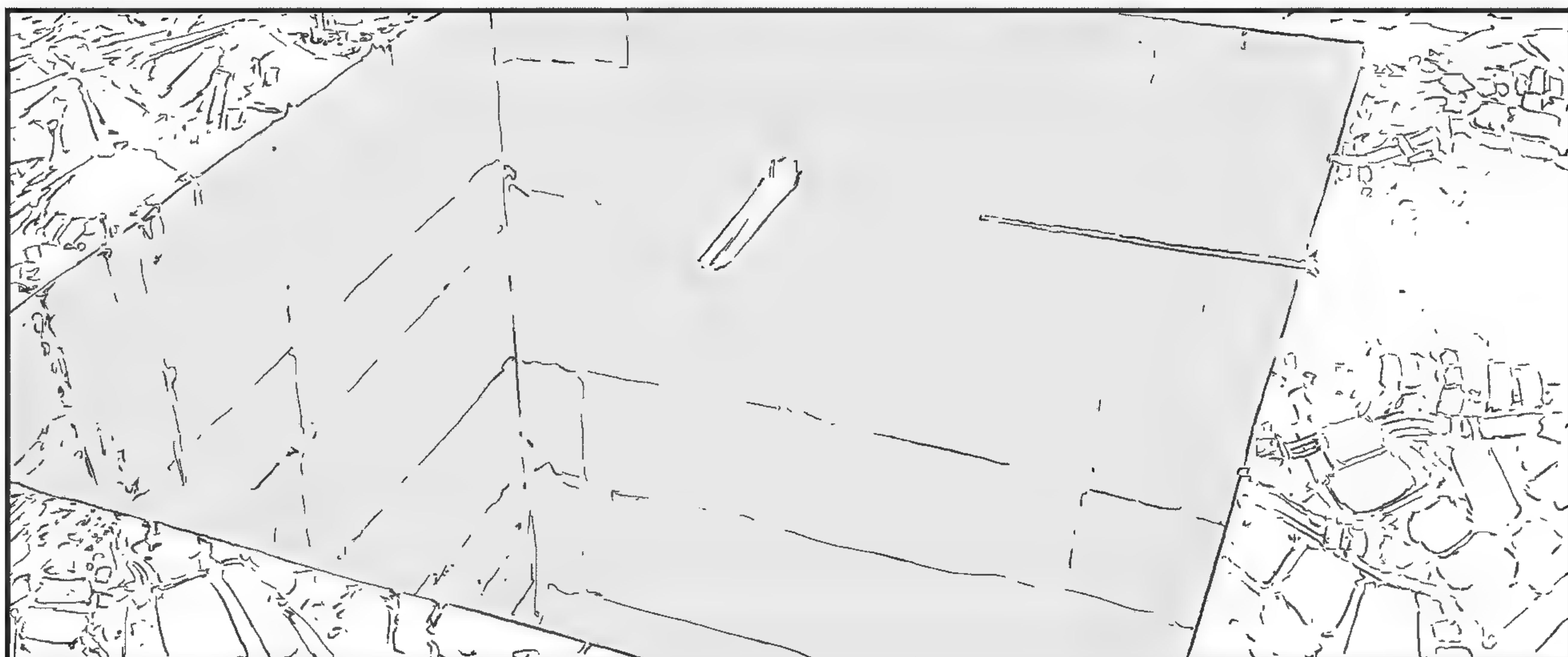
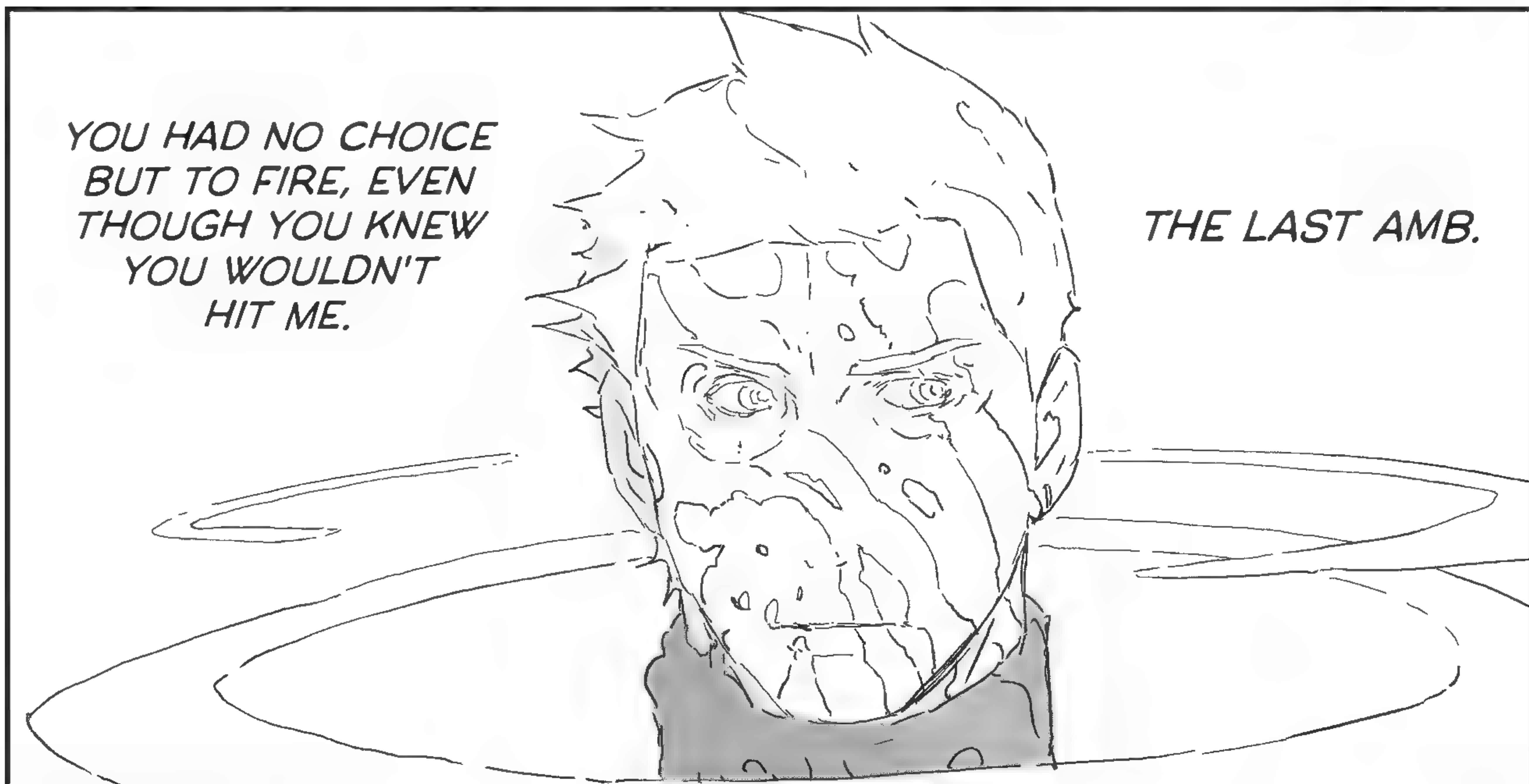
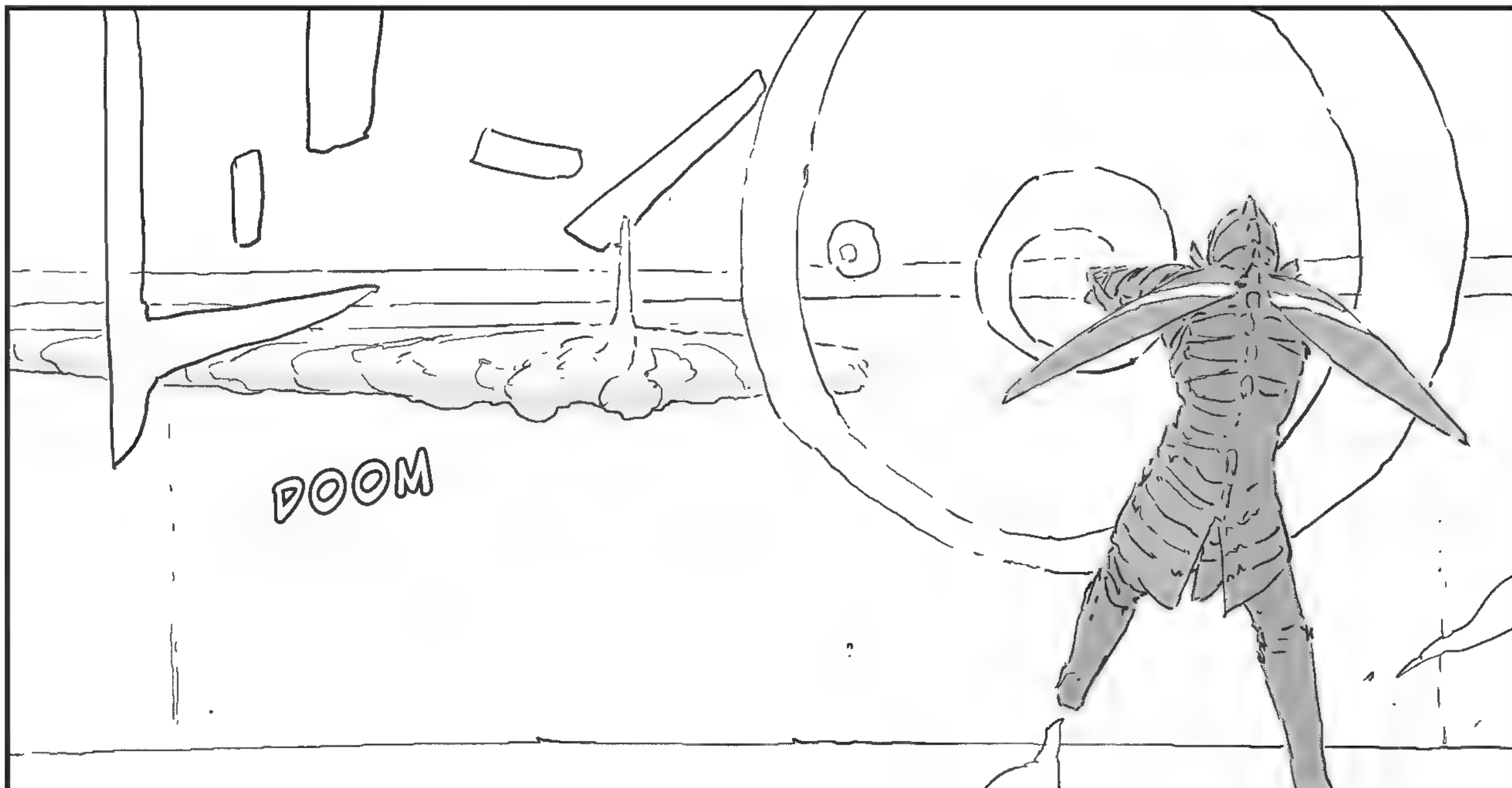
MY
COUNTRY
...

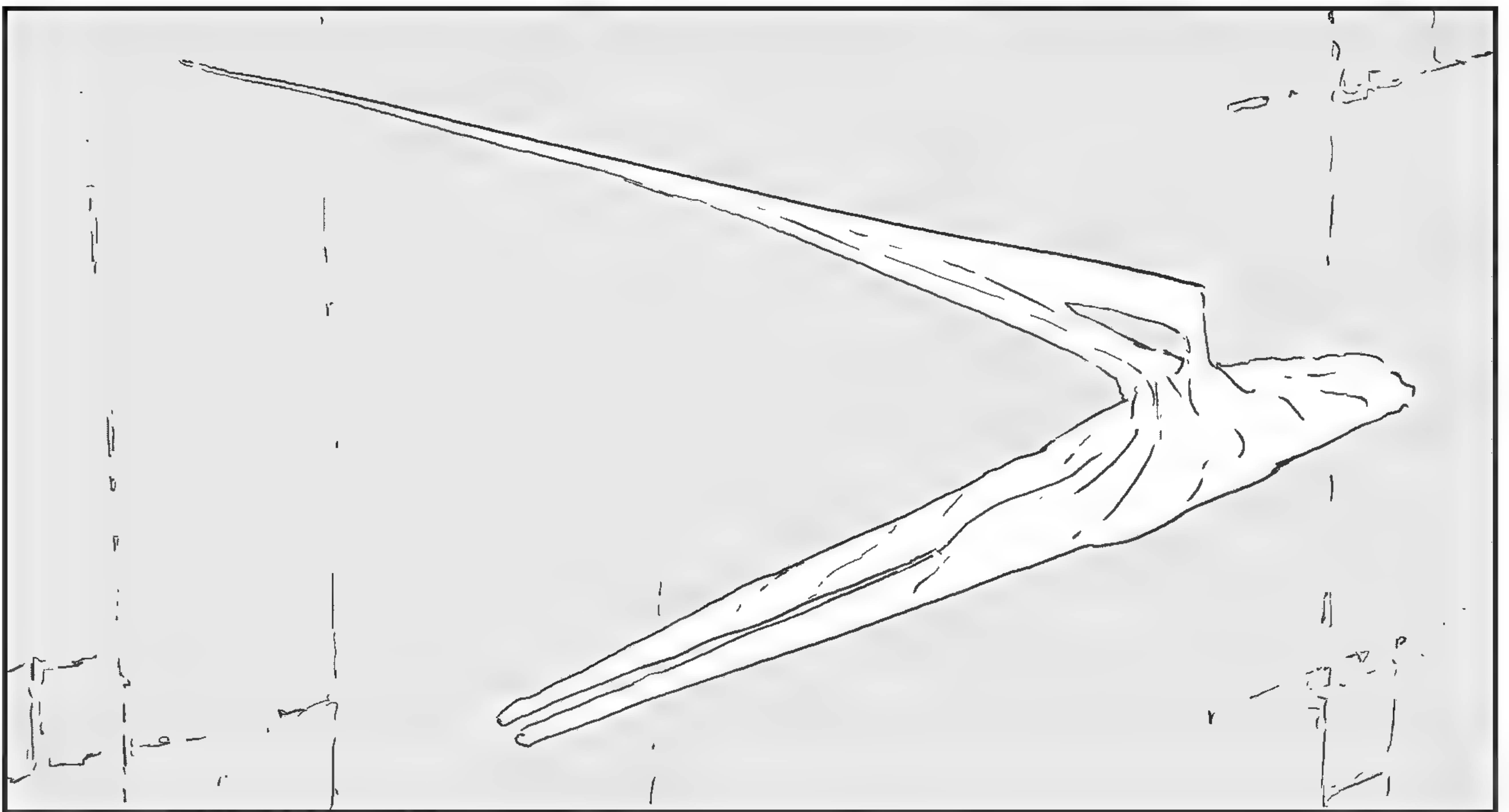
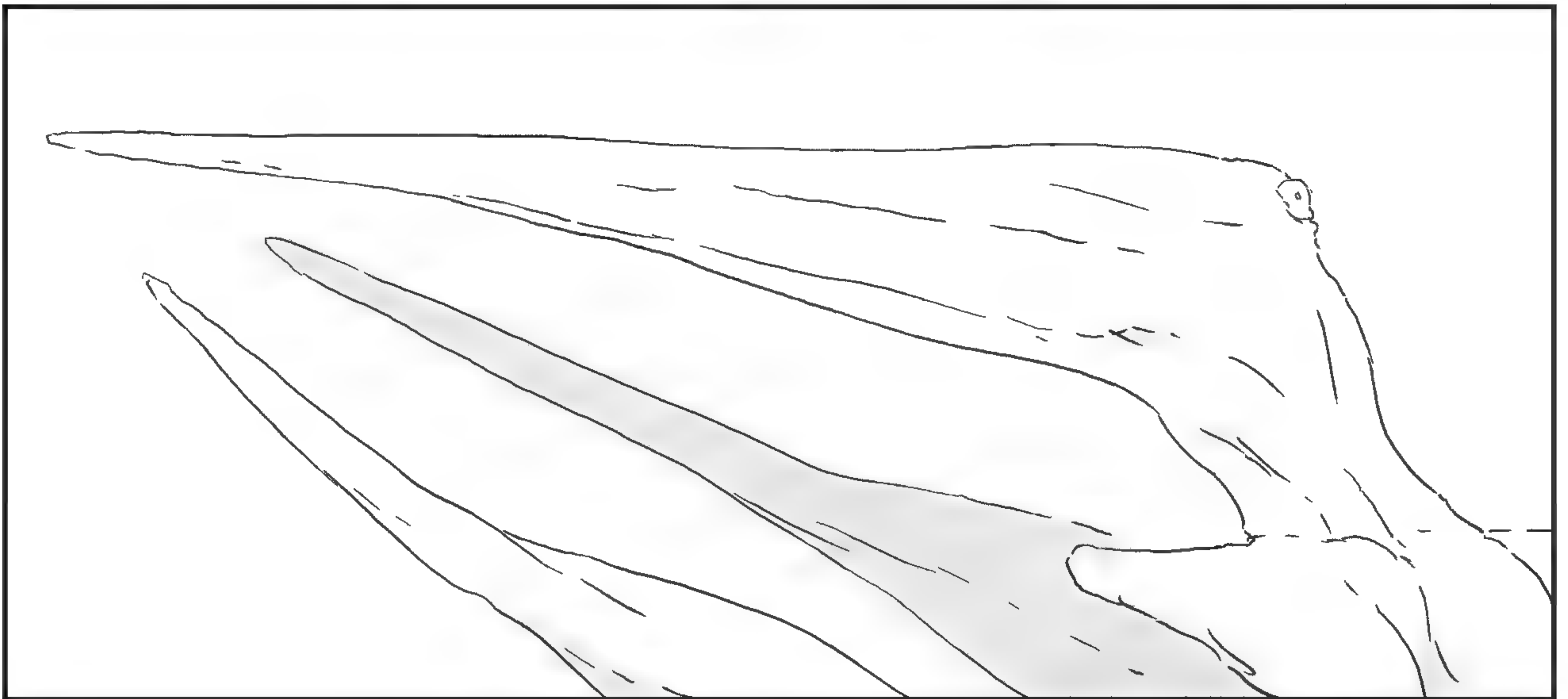
THE CORE
WORLD
DOES
EXIST,
KAJIWAN.

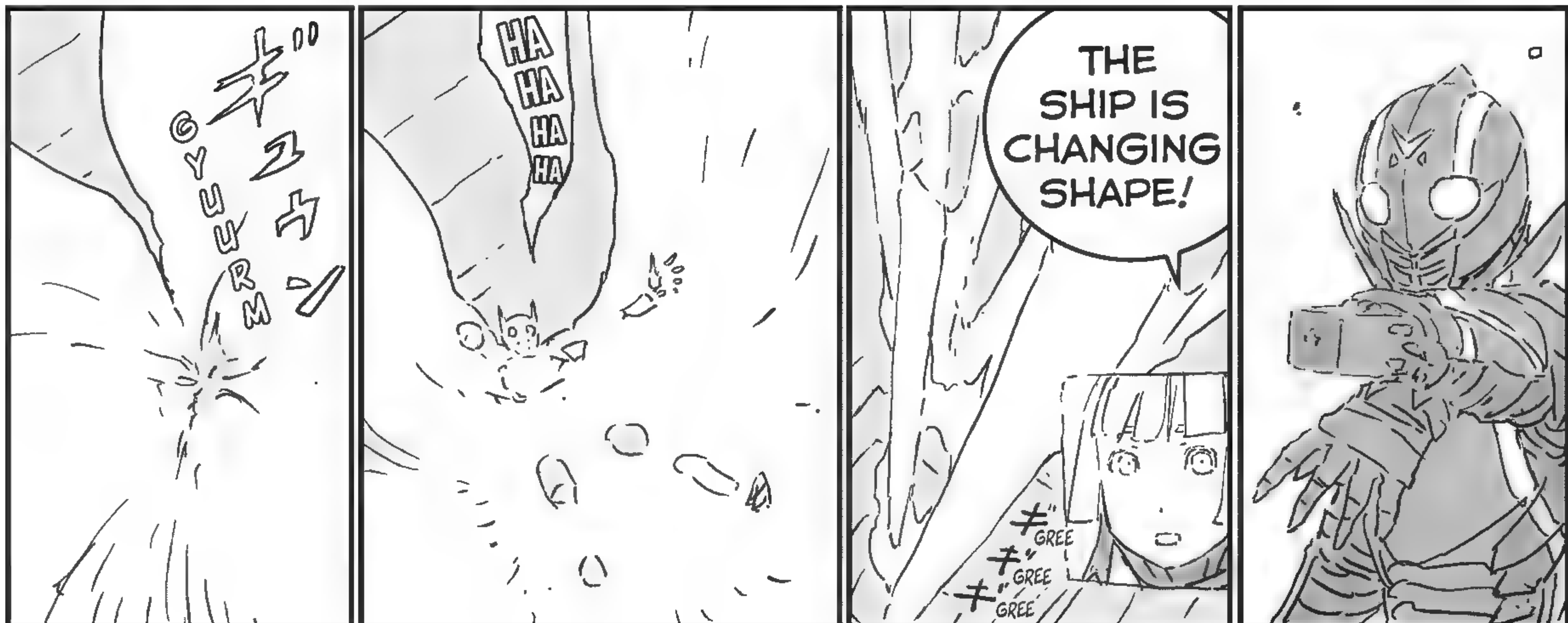
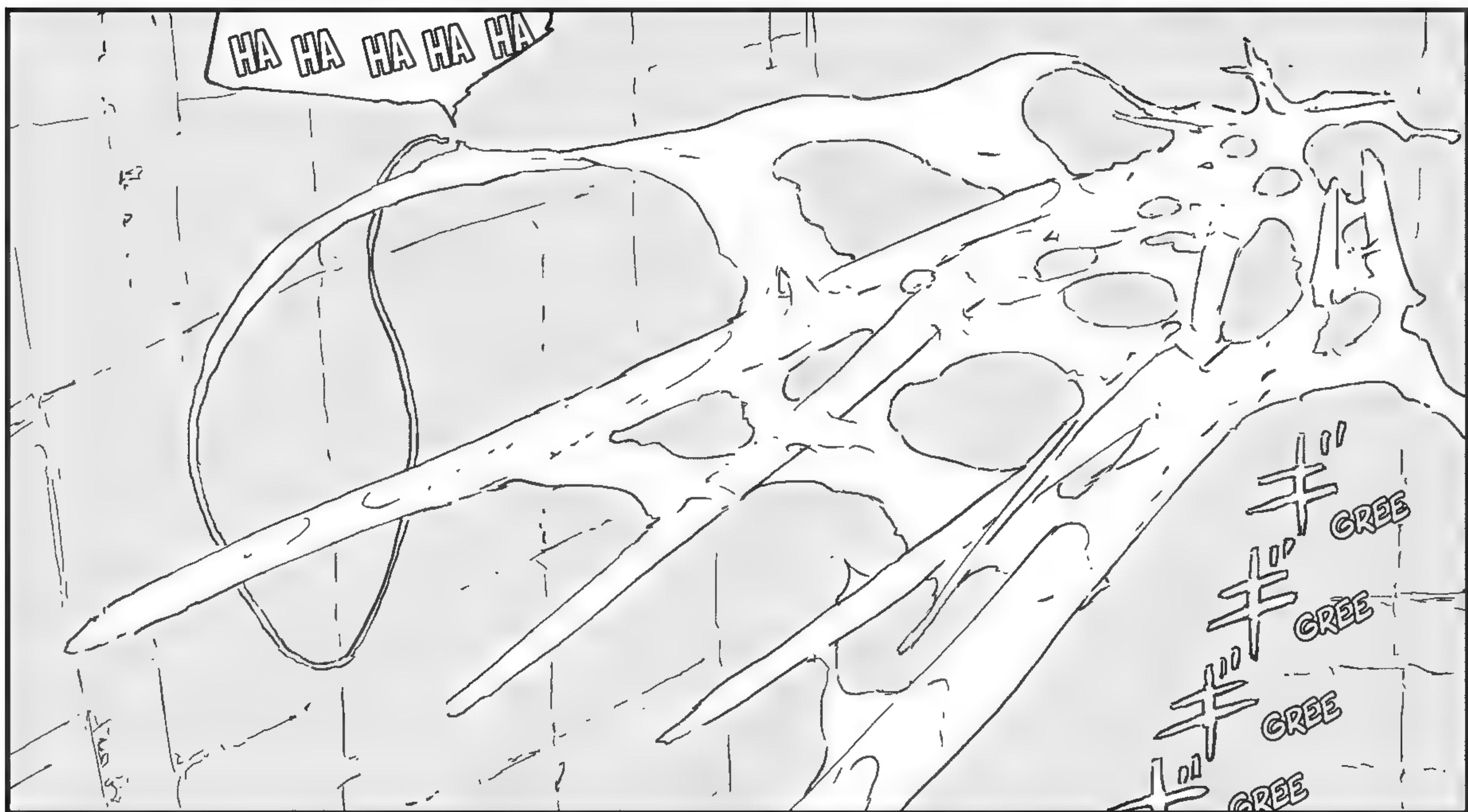
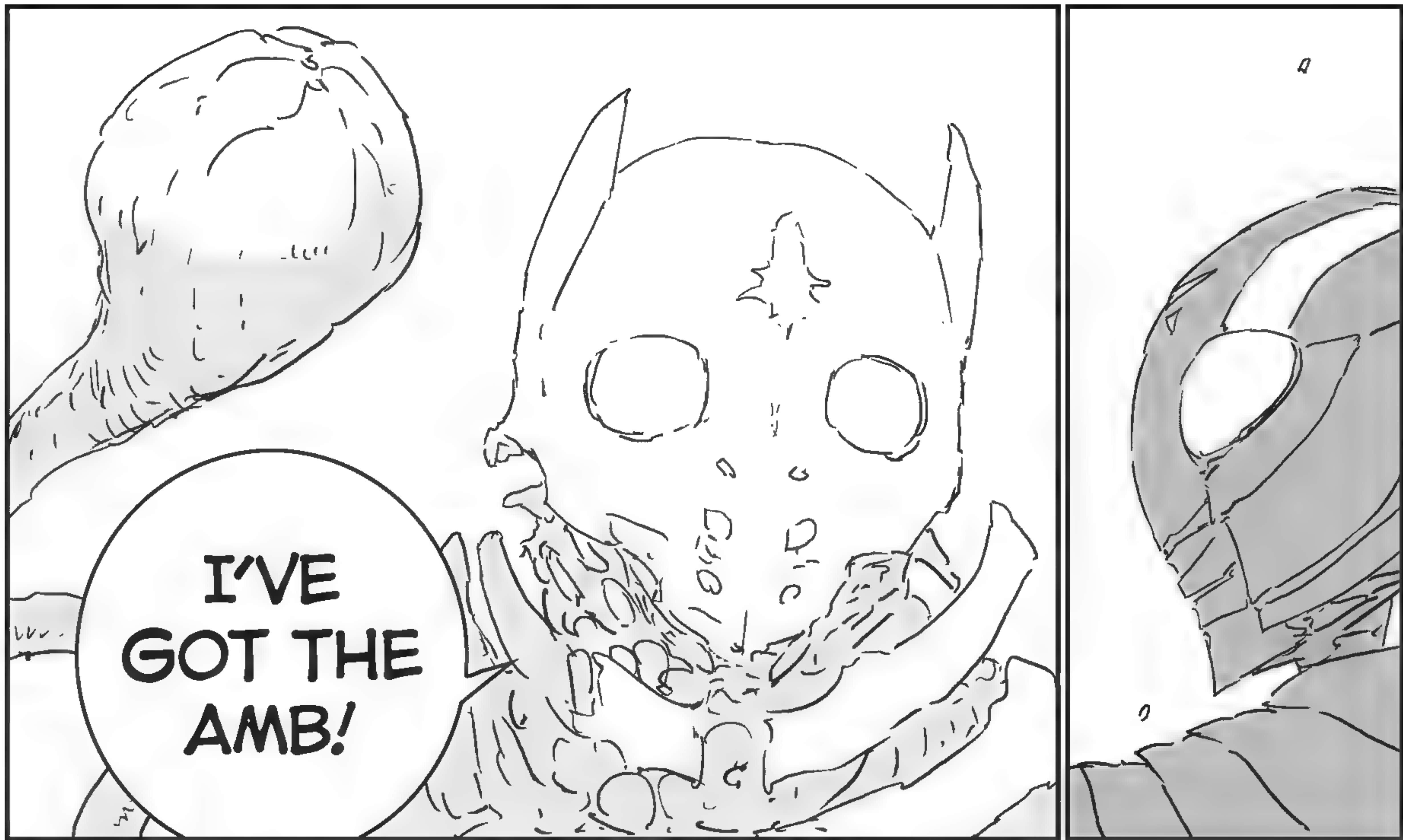


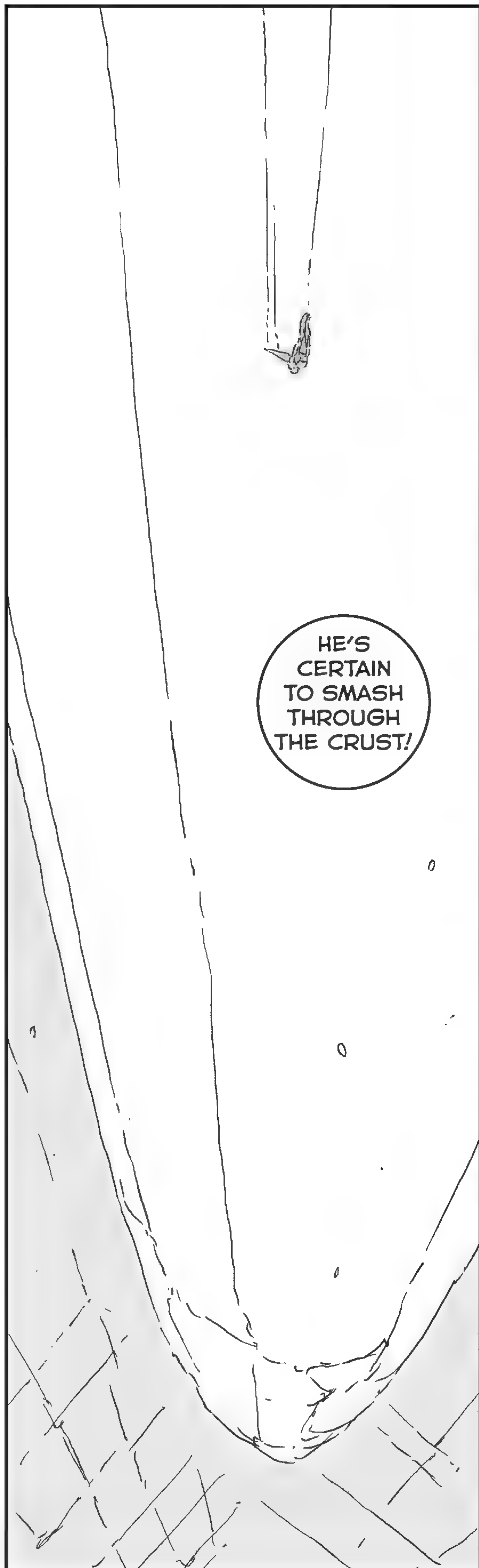




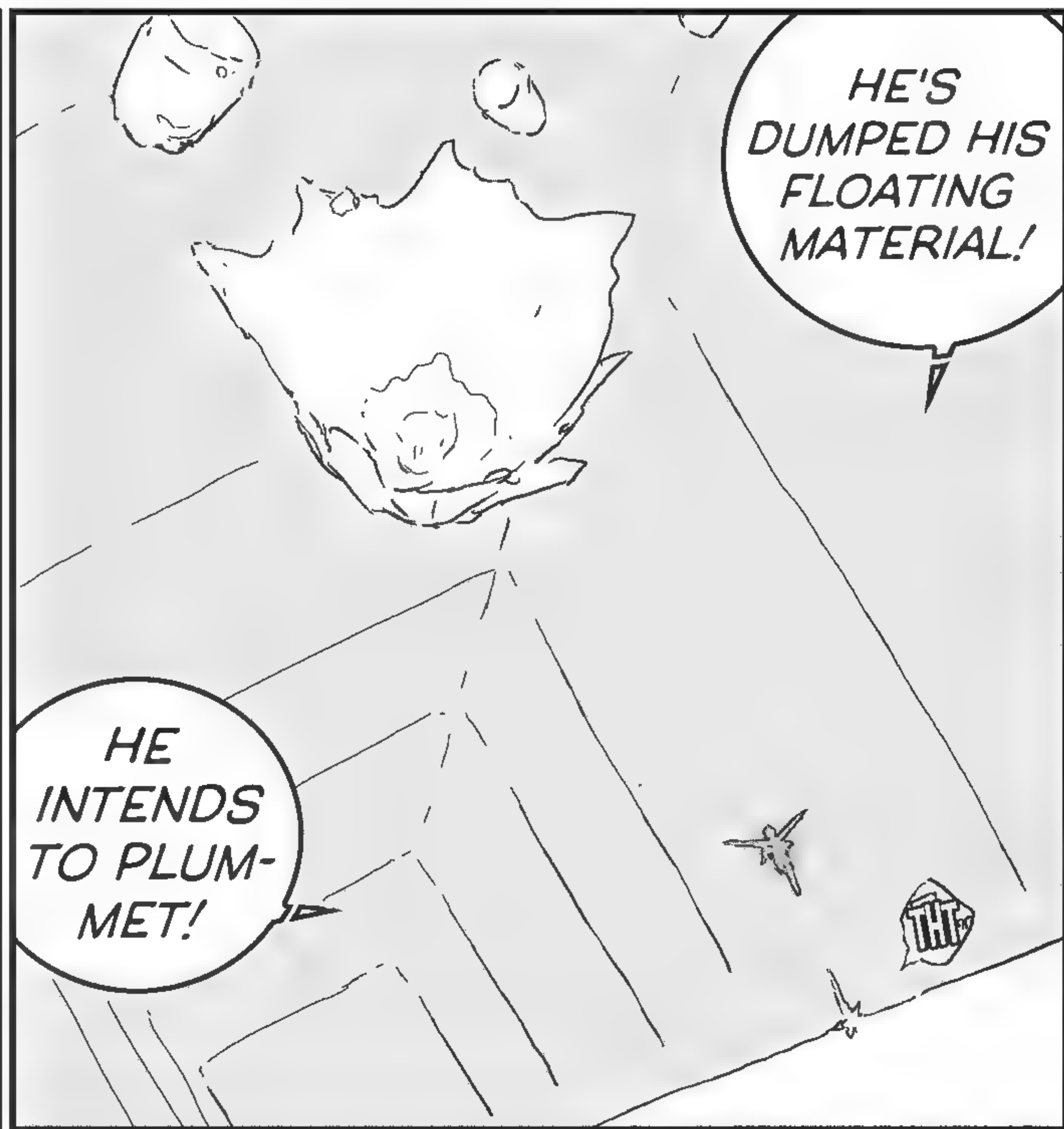






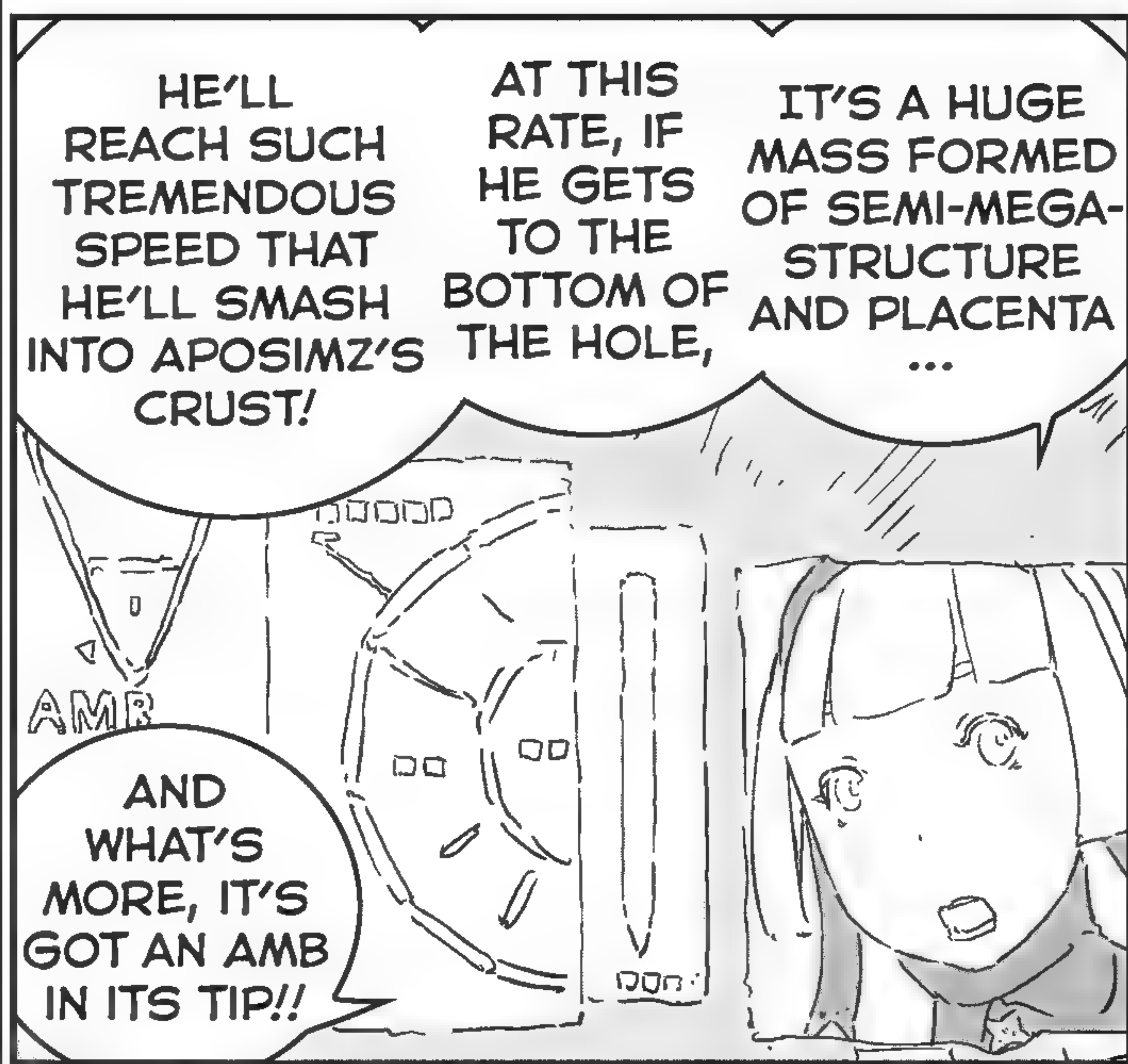


HE'S CERTAIN TO SMASH THROUGH THE CRUST!



HE'S DUMPED HIS FLOATING MATERIAL!

HE INTENDS TO PLUM-MET!



HE'LL REACH SUCH TREMENDOUS SPEED THAT HE'LL SMASH INTO APOSIMZ'S CRUST!

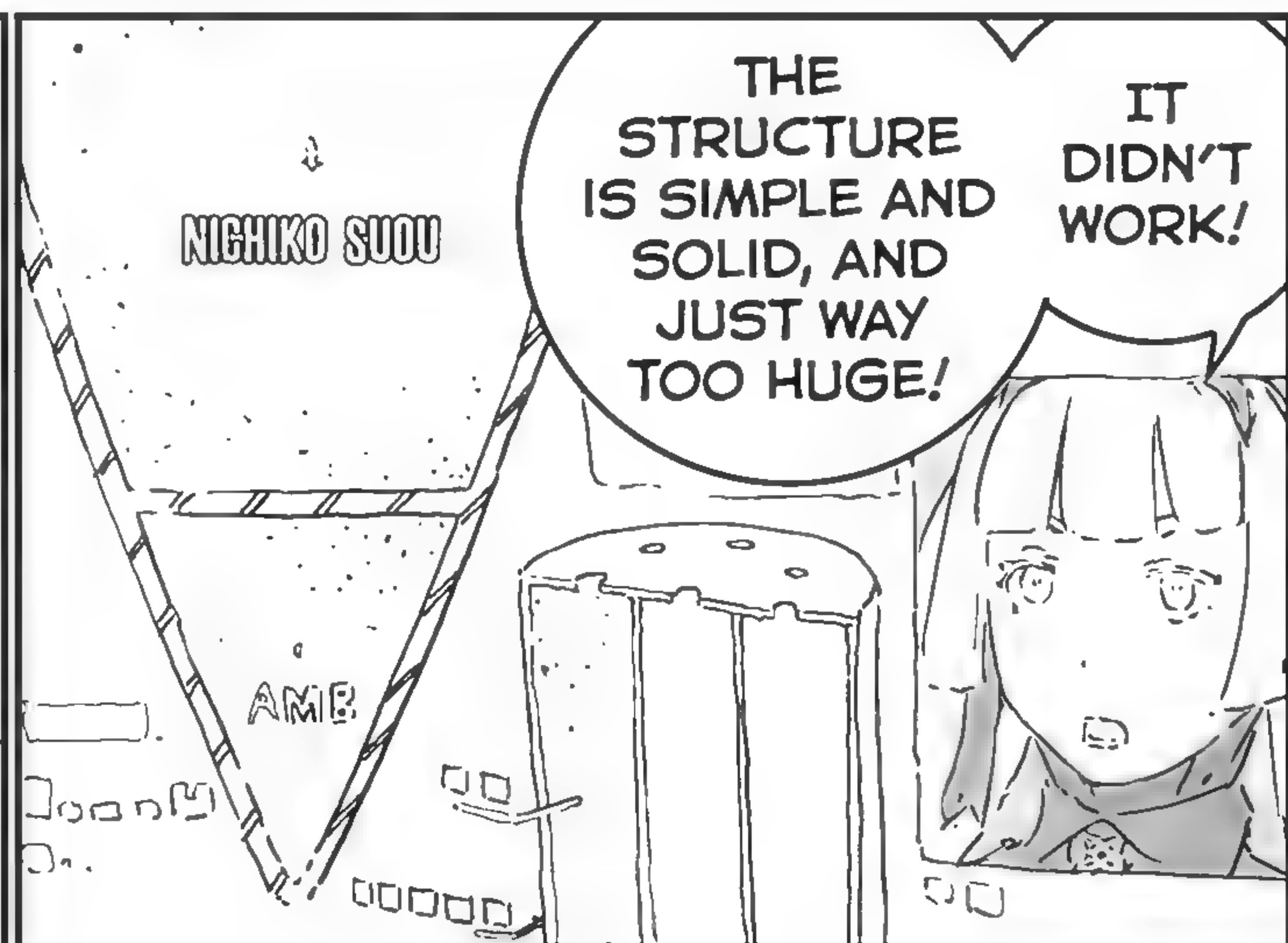
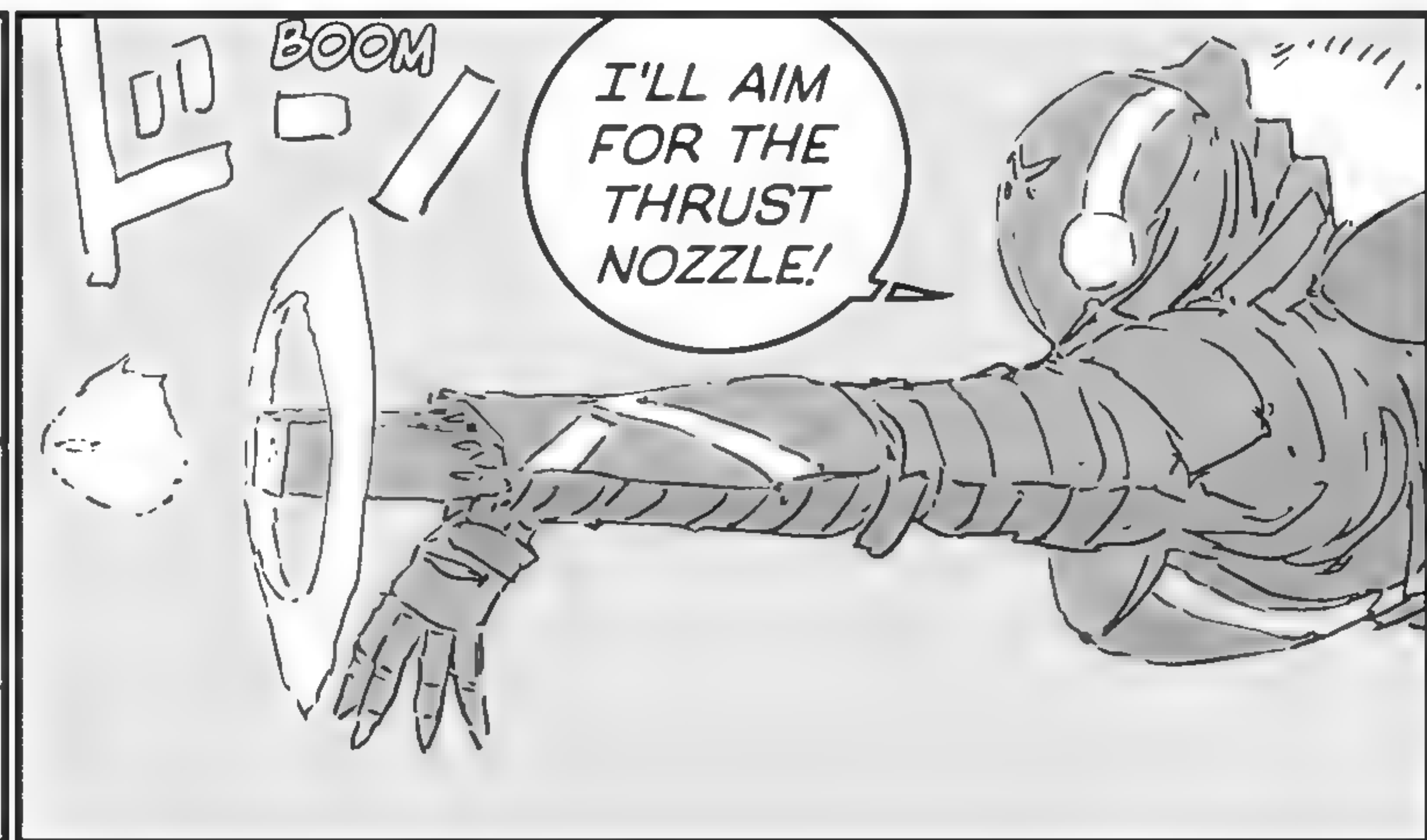
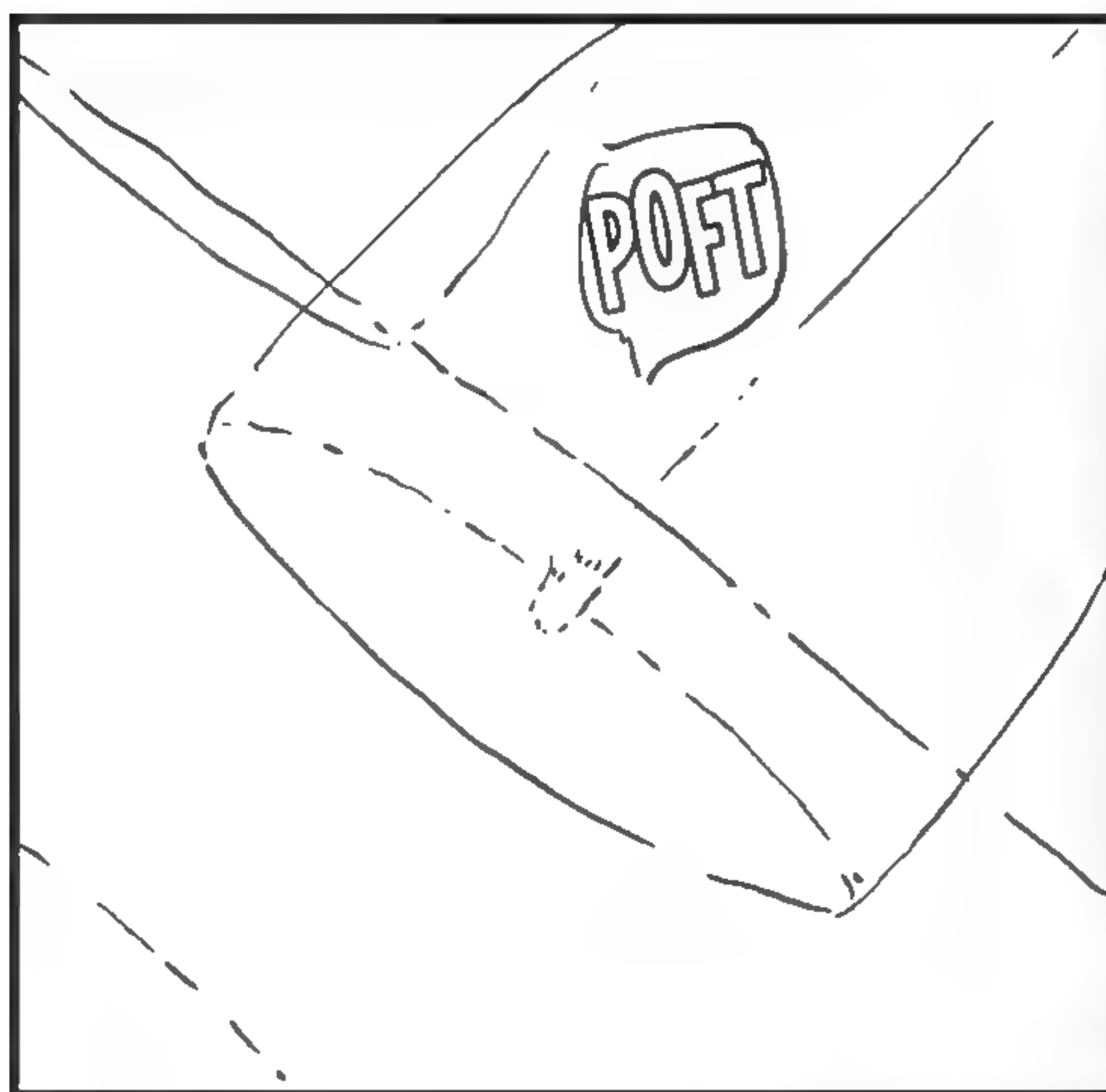
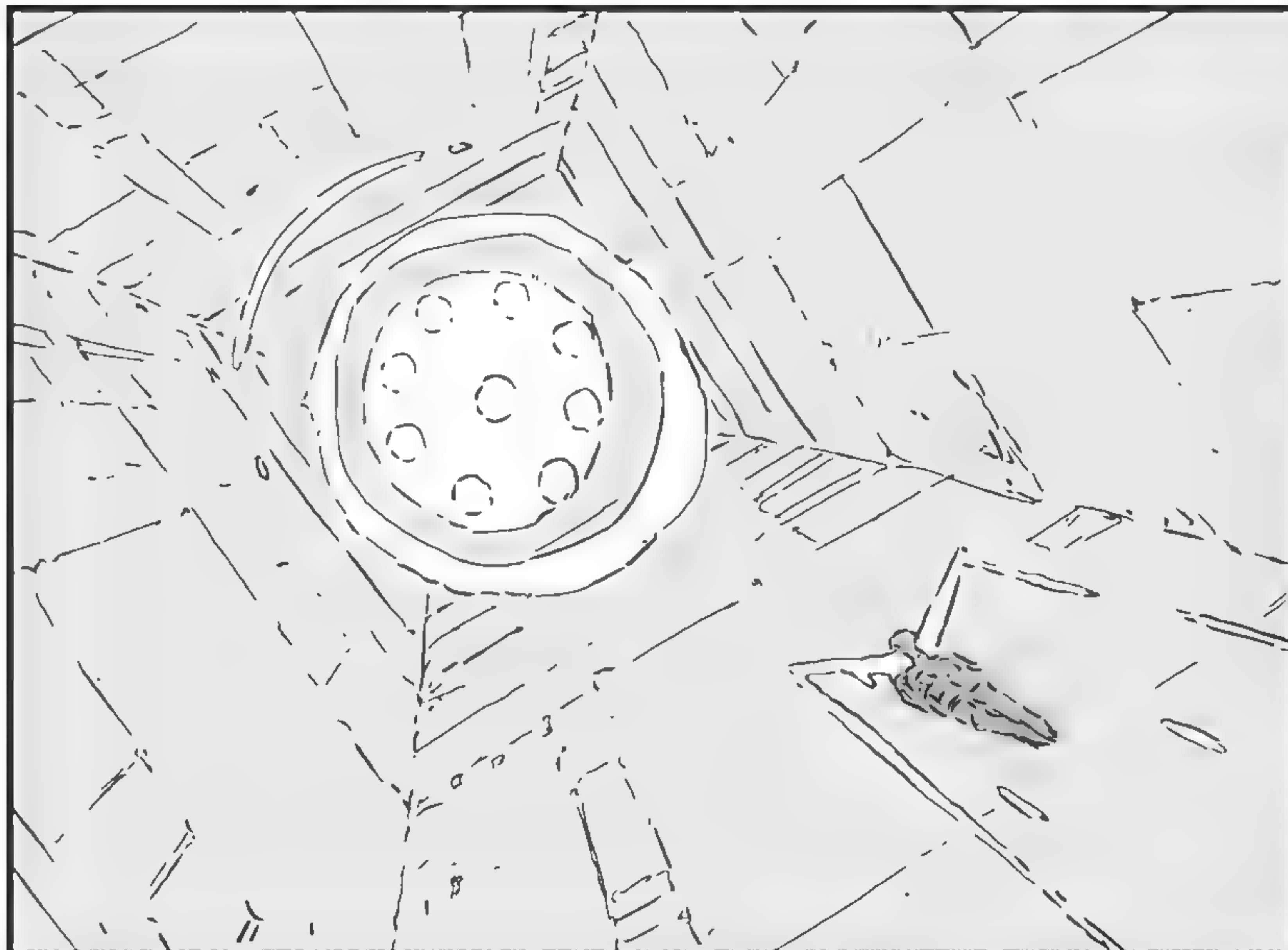
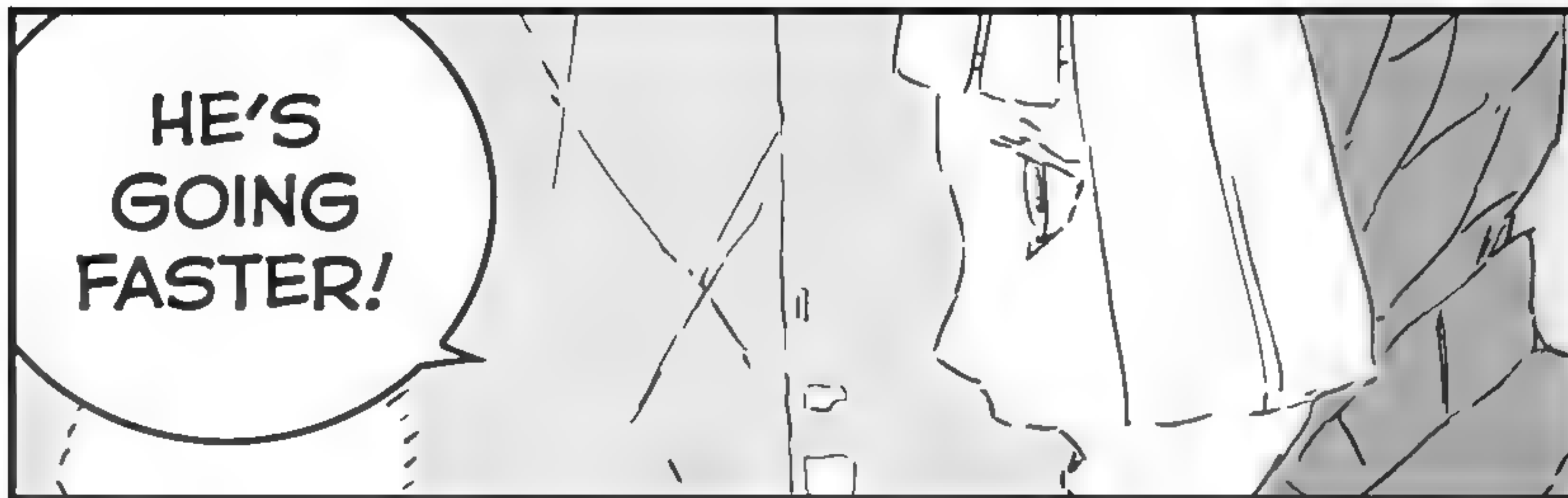
AT THIS RATE, IF HE GETS TO THE BOTTOM OF THE HOLE,

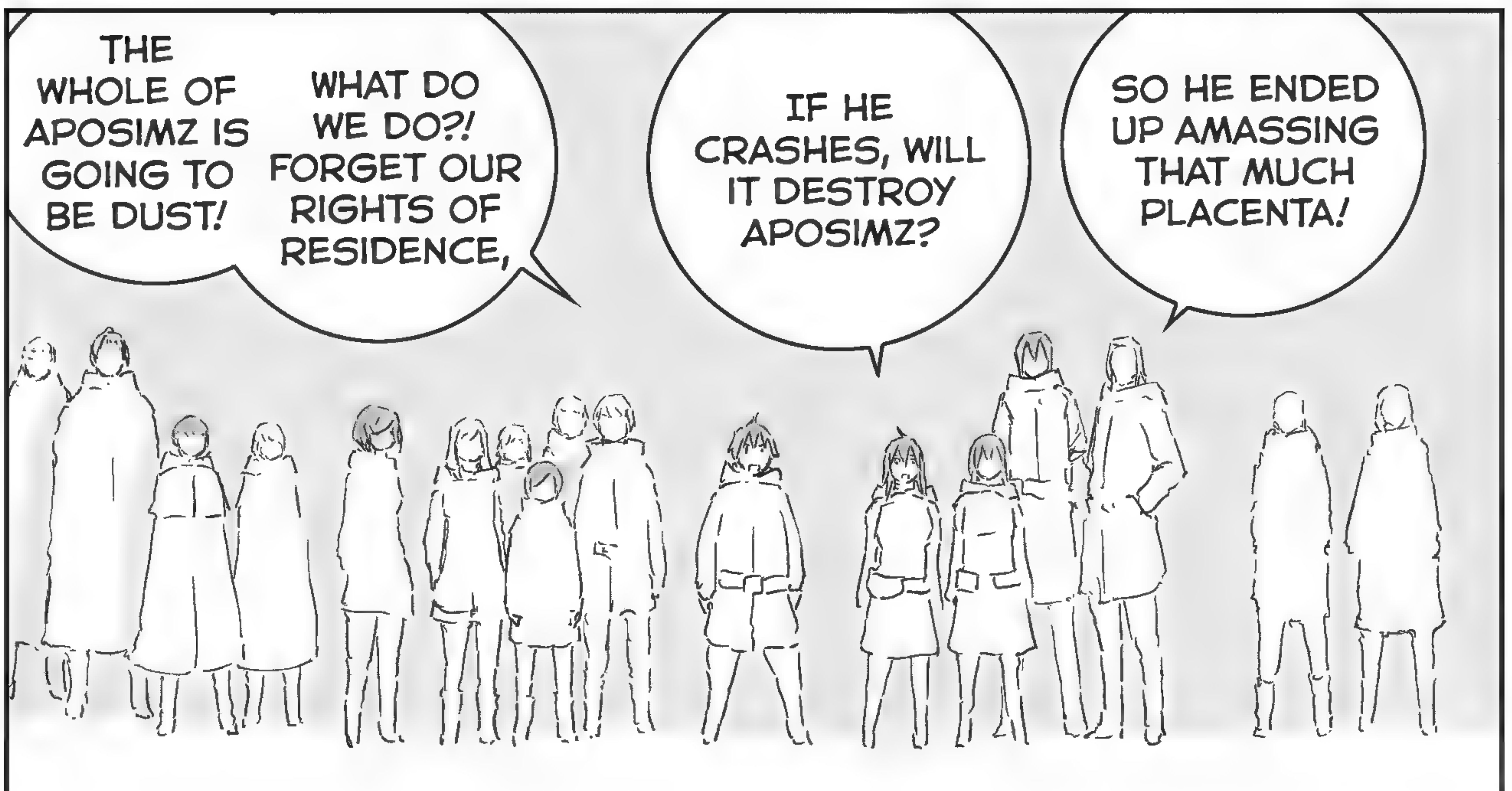
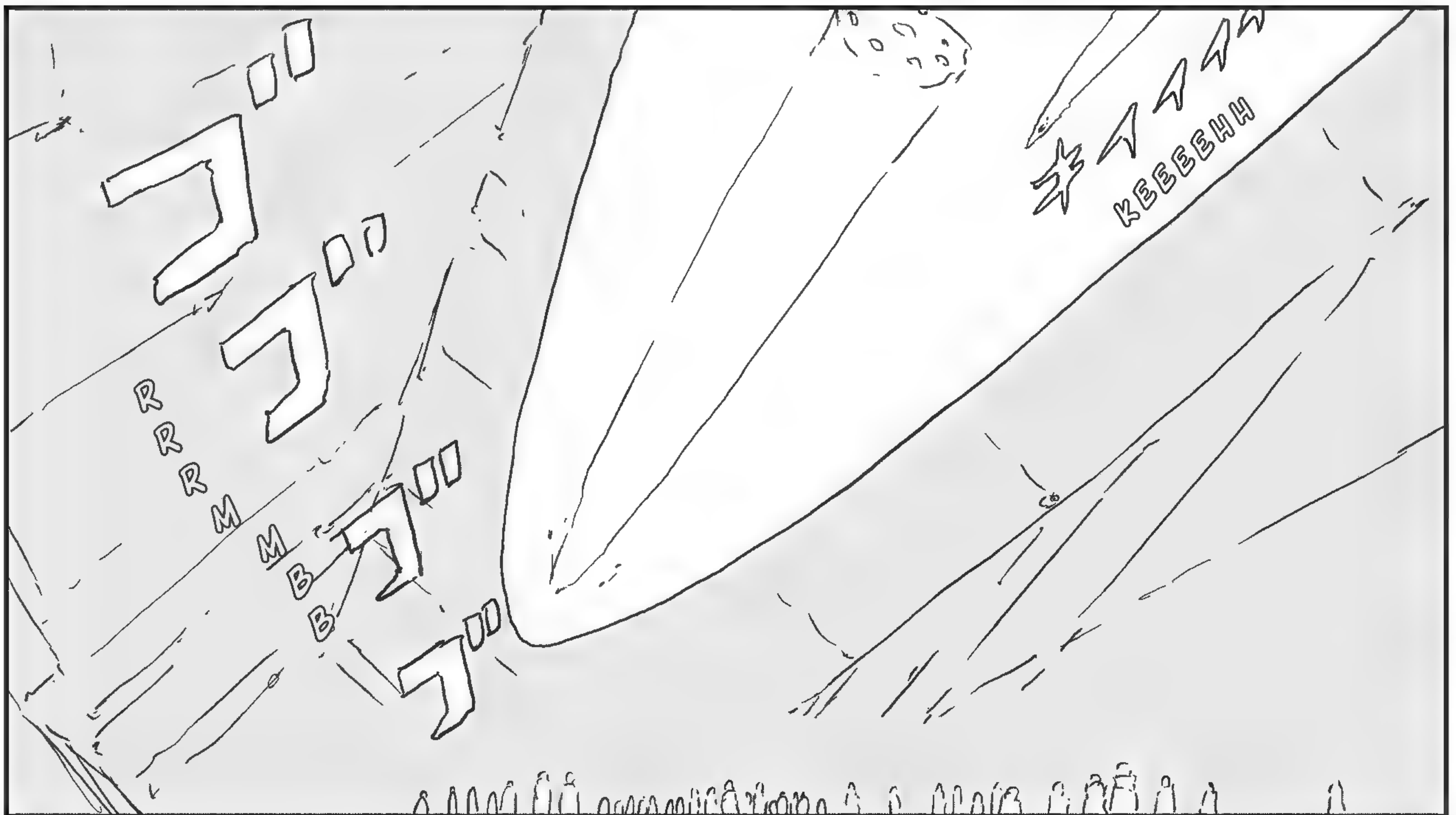
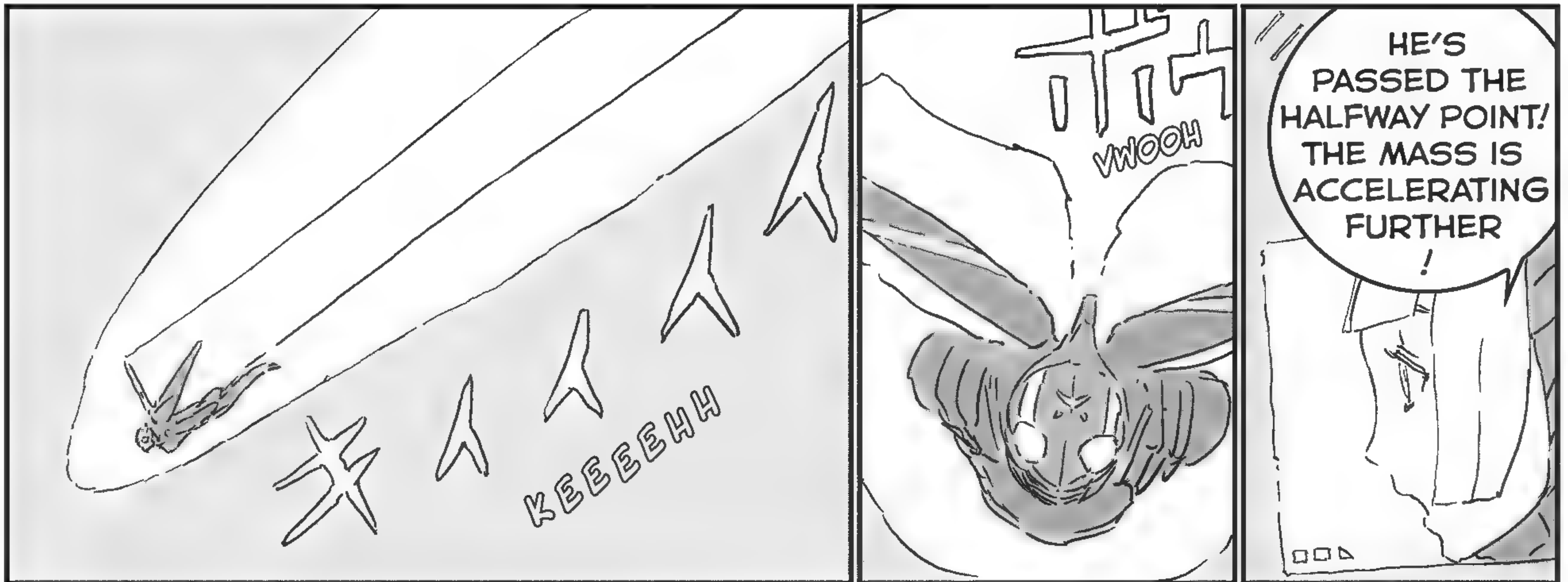
IT'S A HUGE MASS FORMED OF SEMI-MEGA-STRUCTURE AND PLACENTA ...

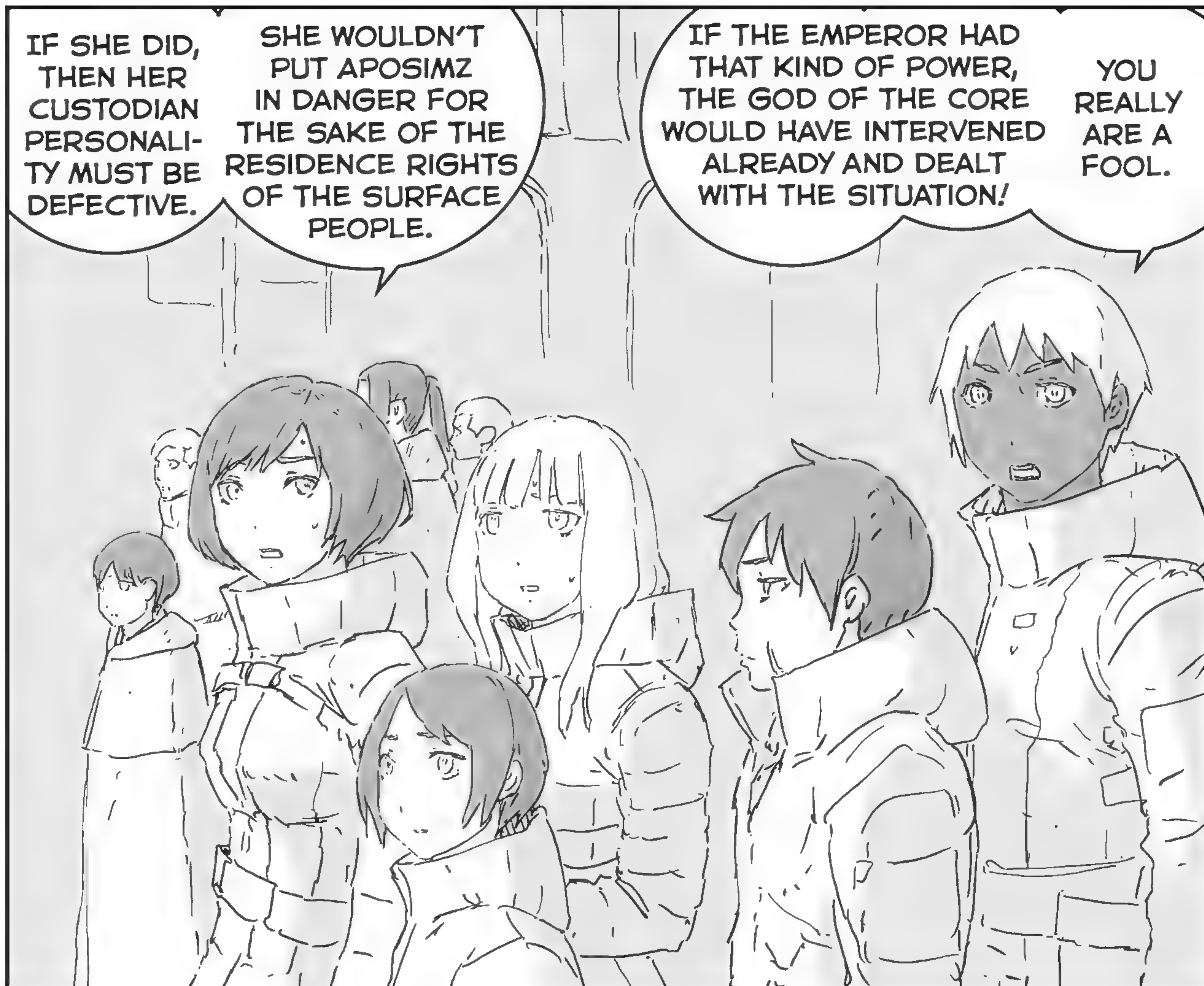
AND WHAT'S MORE, IT'S GOT AN AMB IN ITS TIP!!

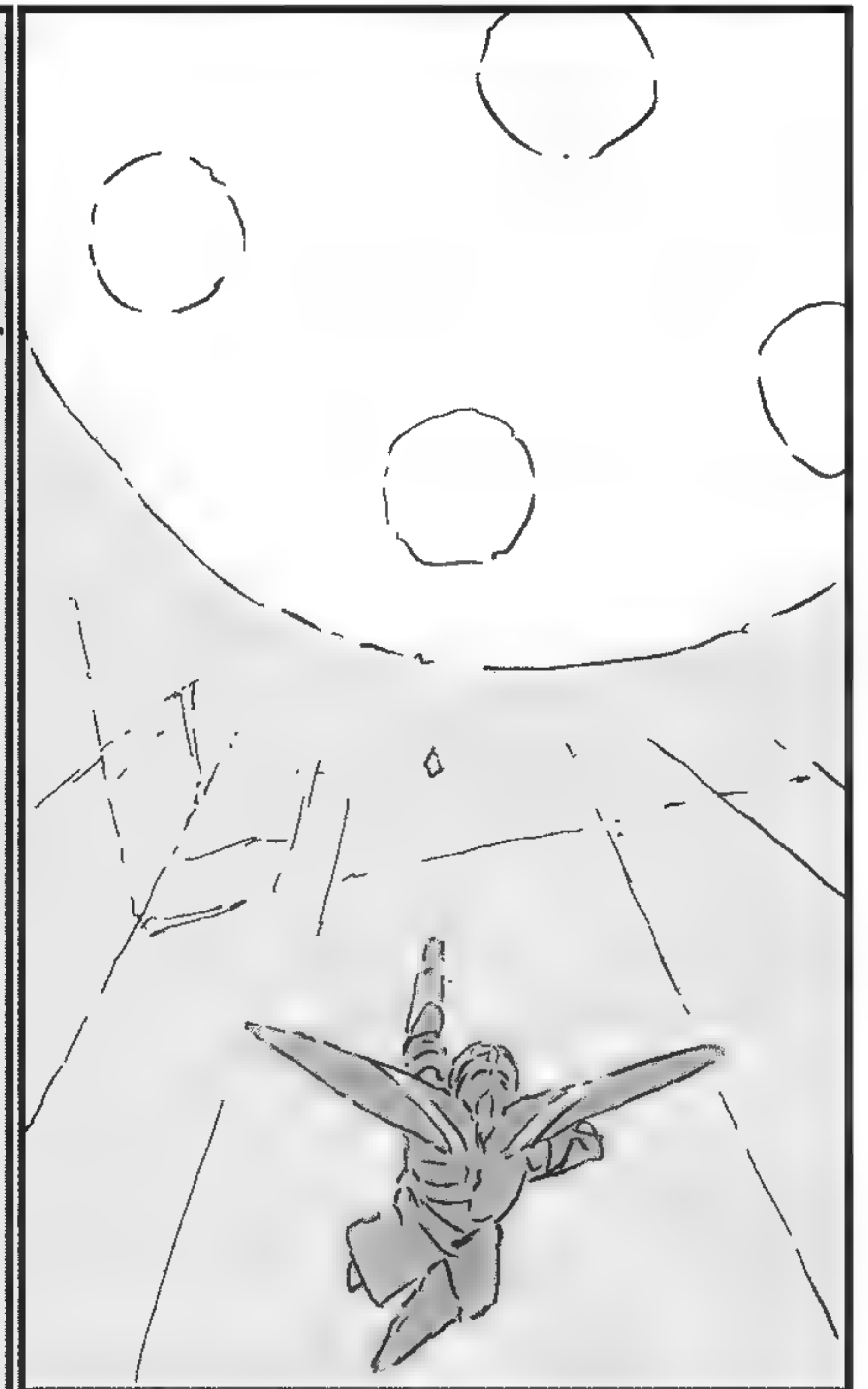
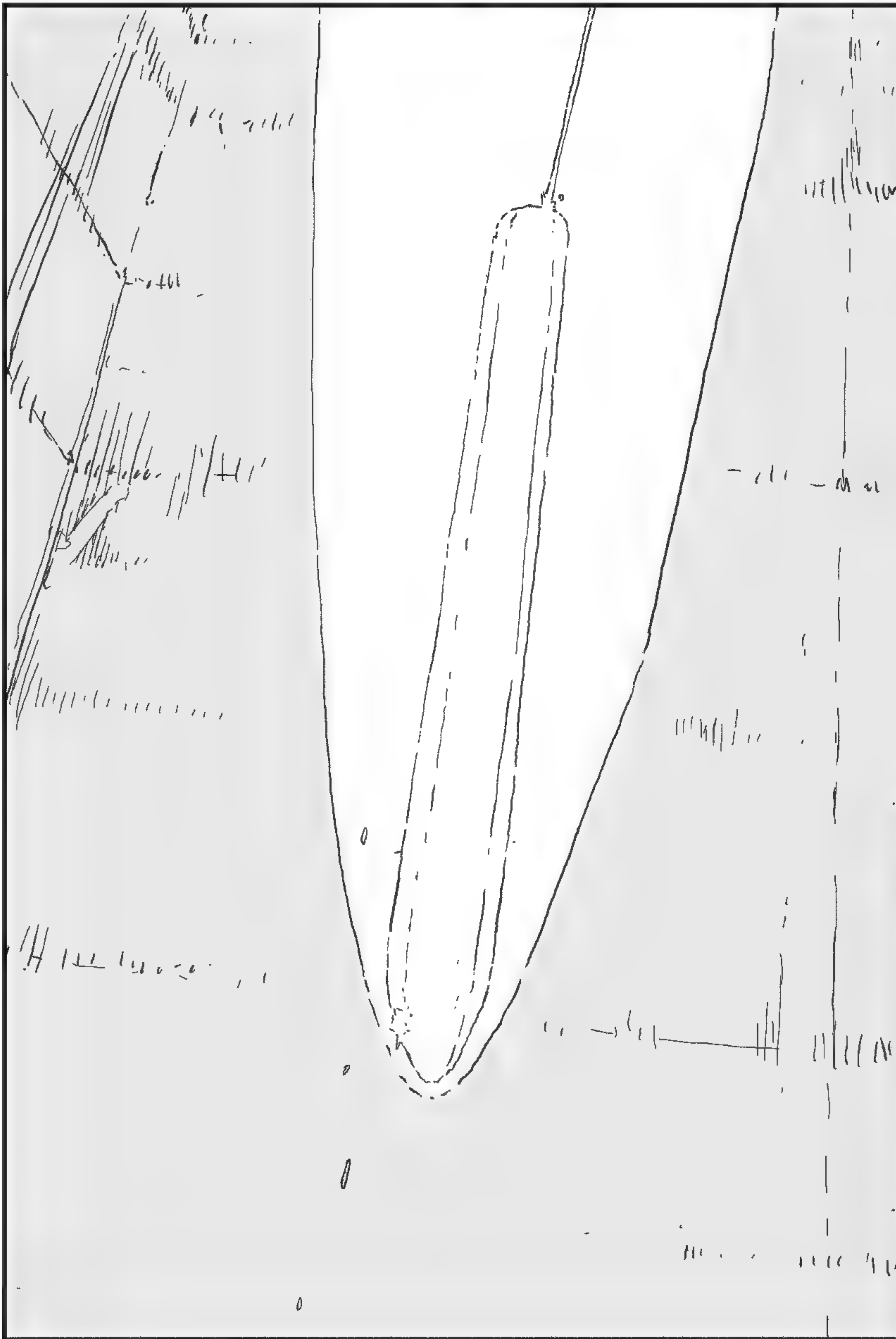
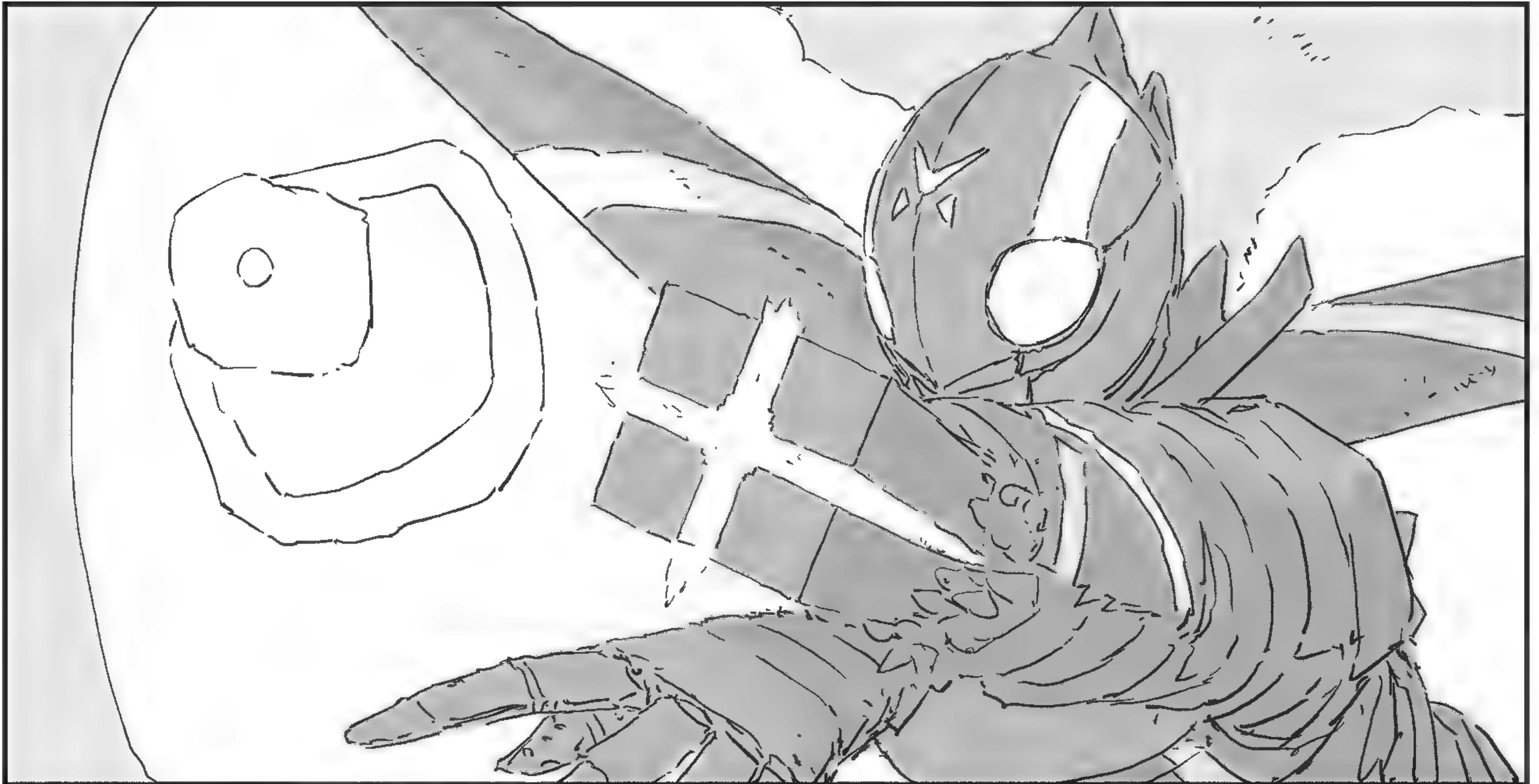


WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF HE HITS IT?

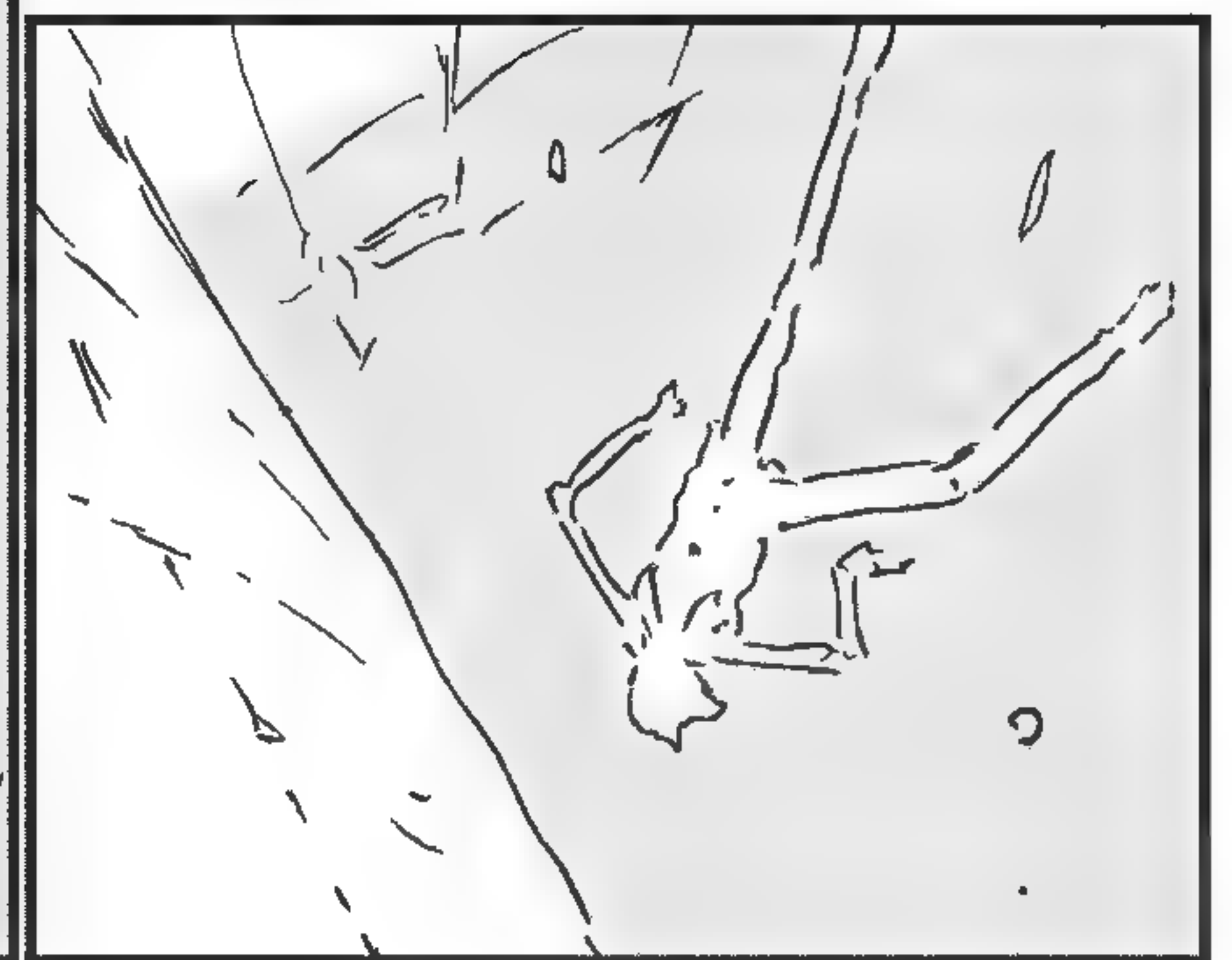


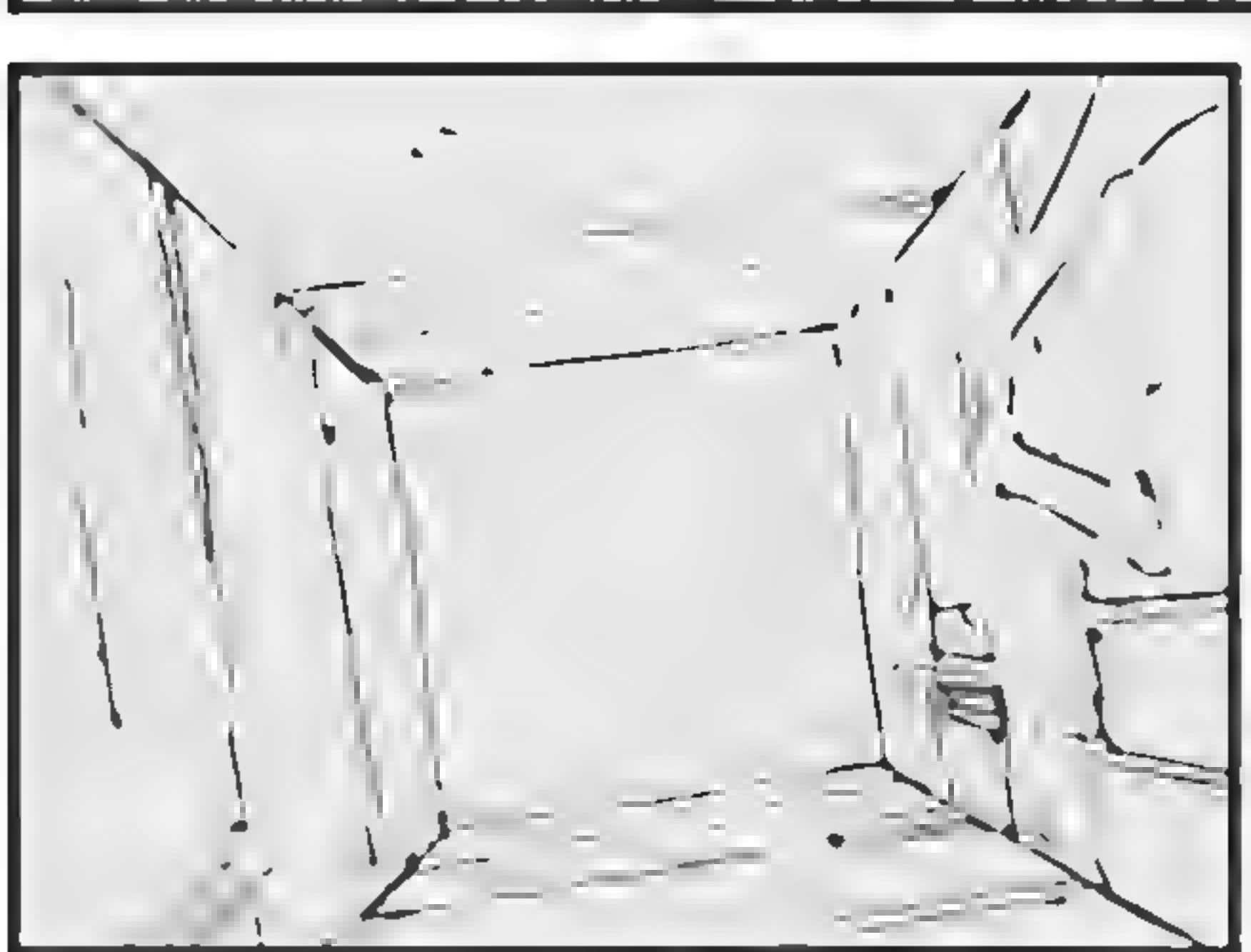
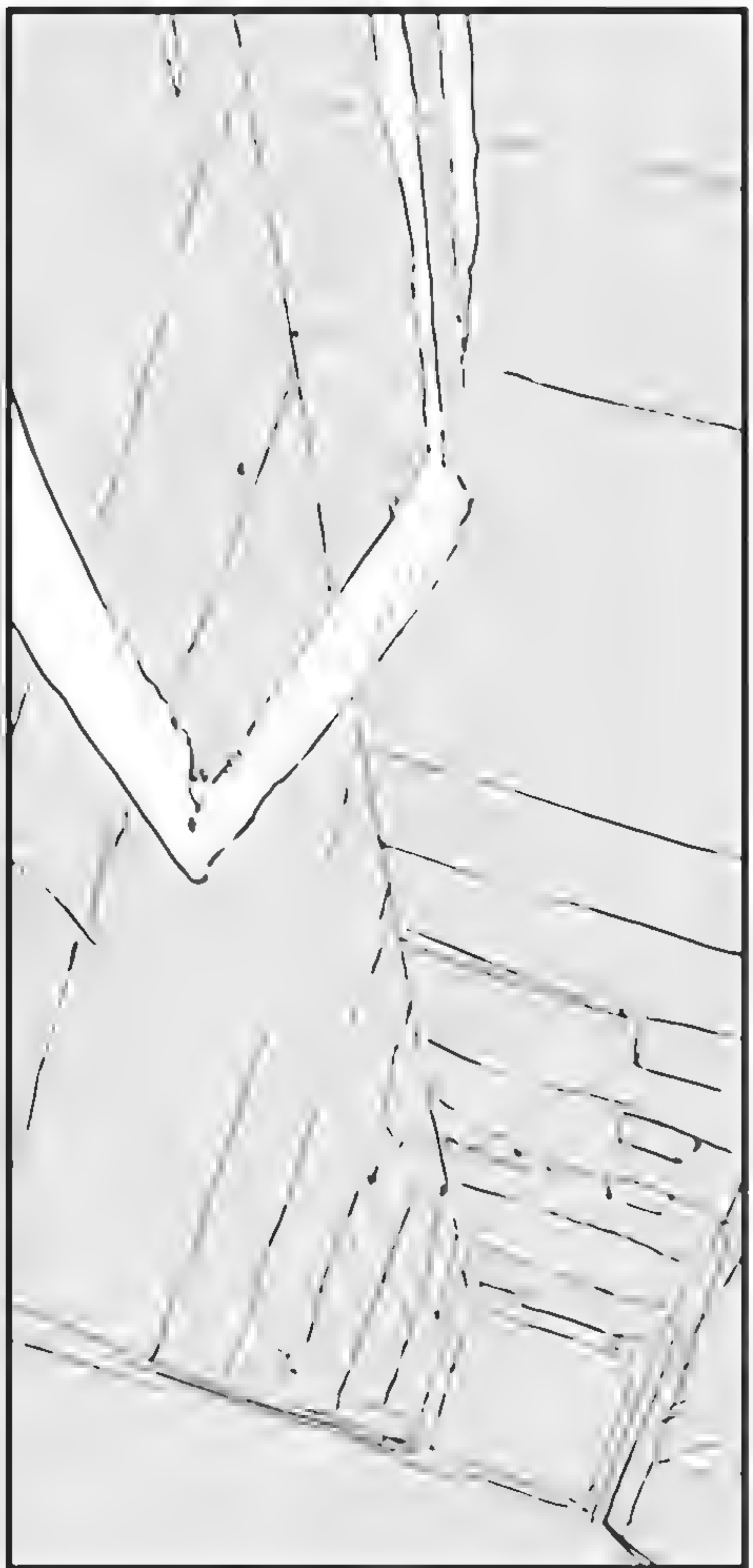
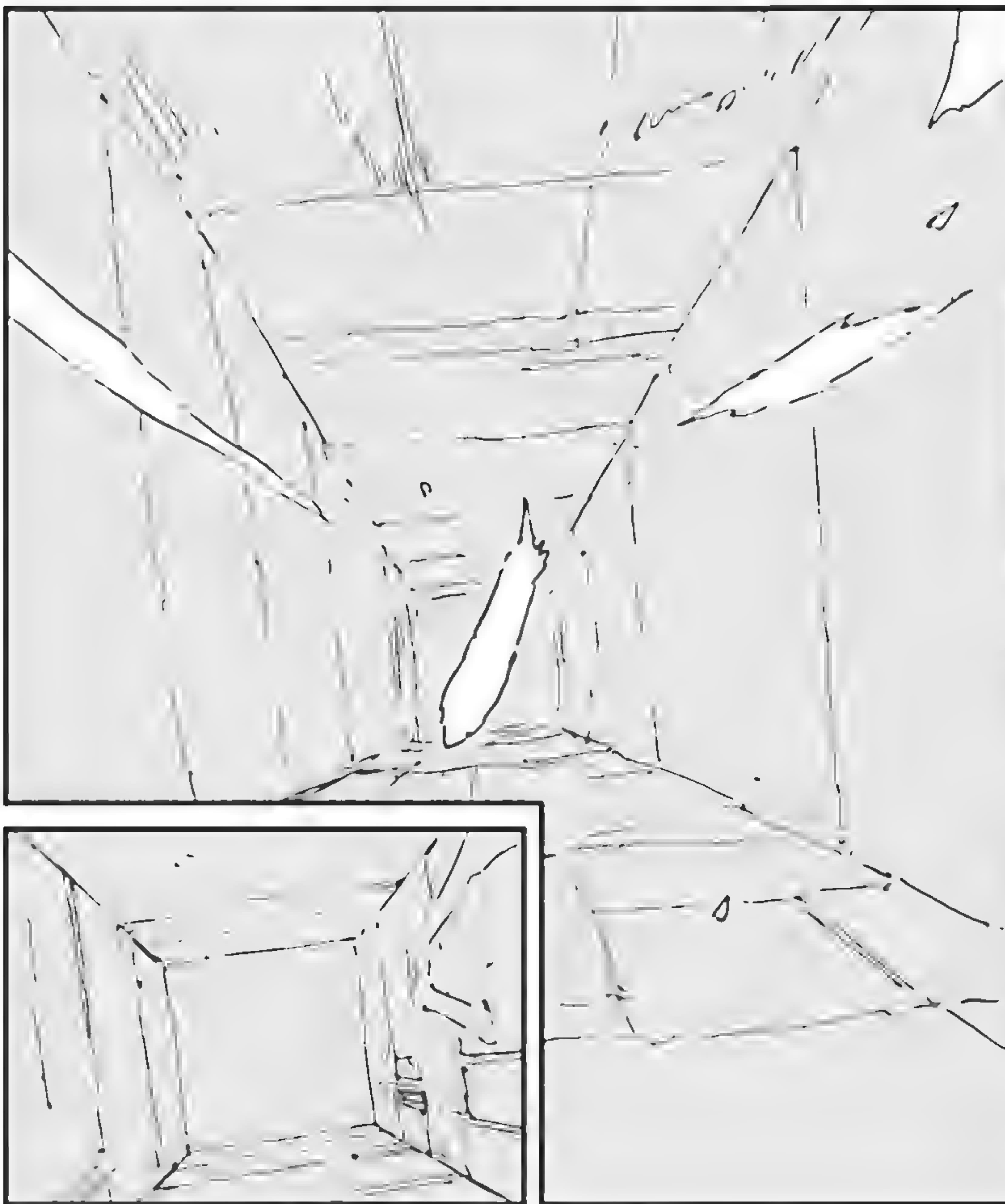
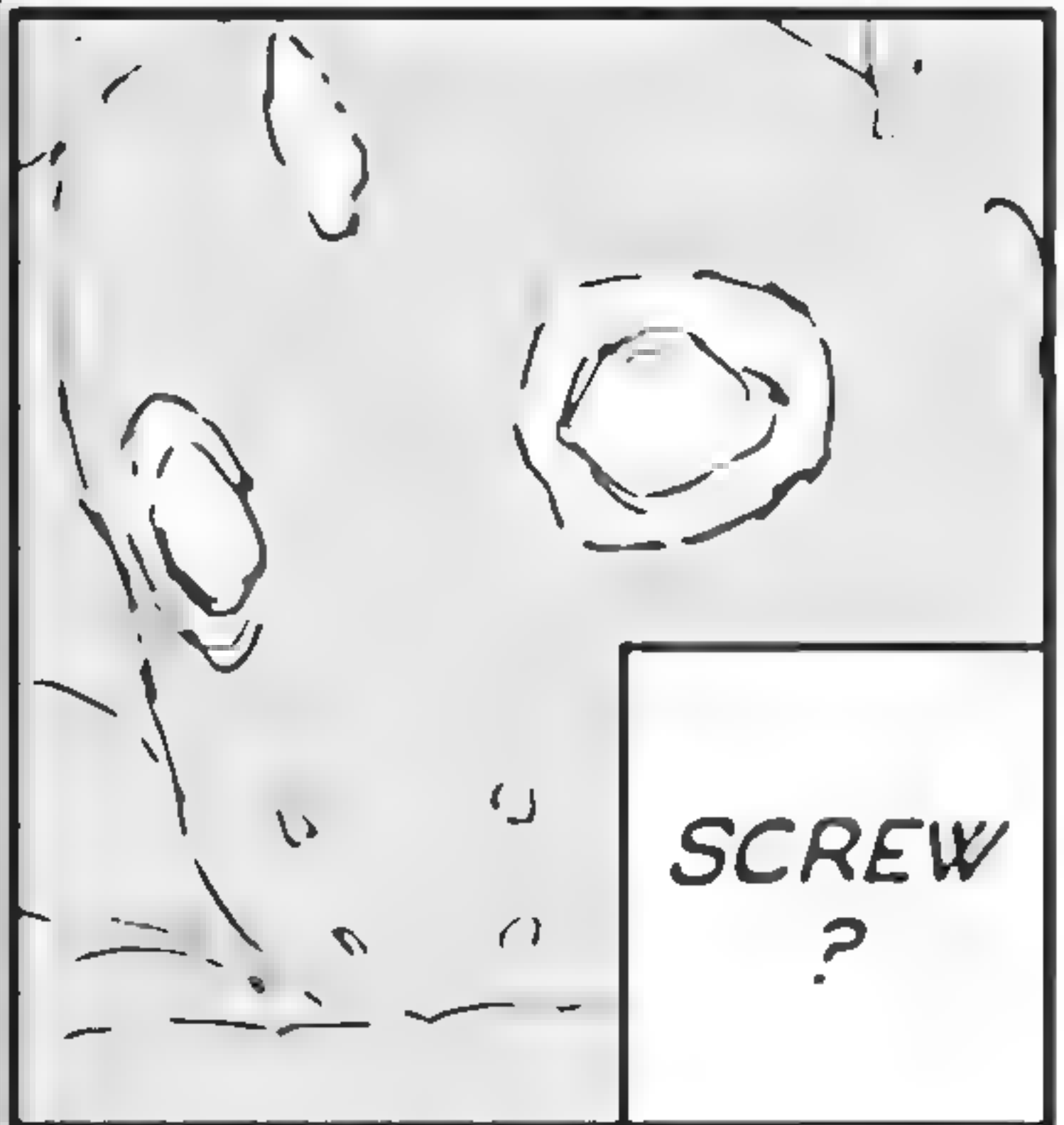
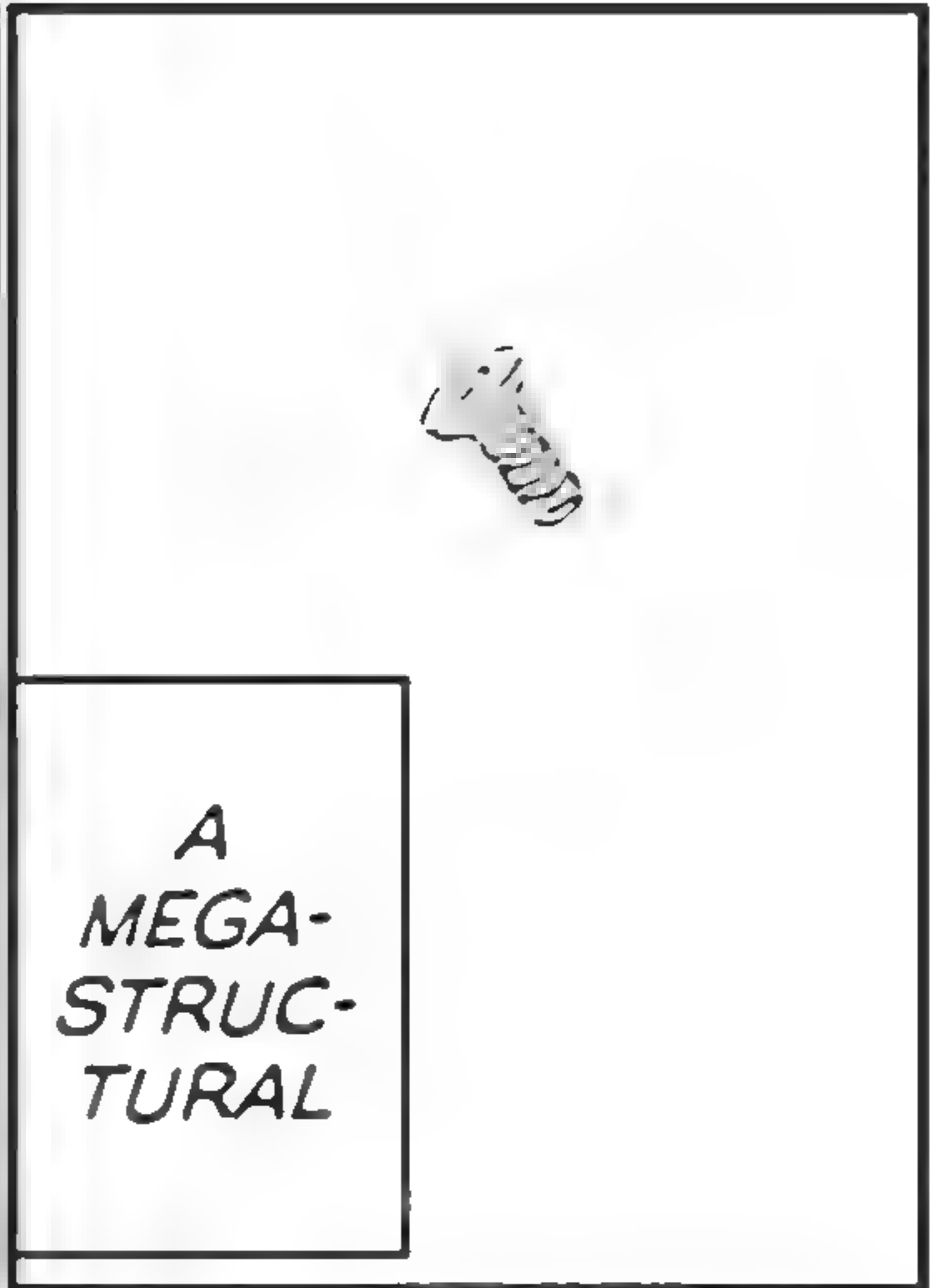
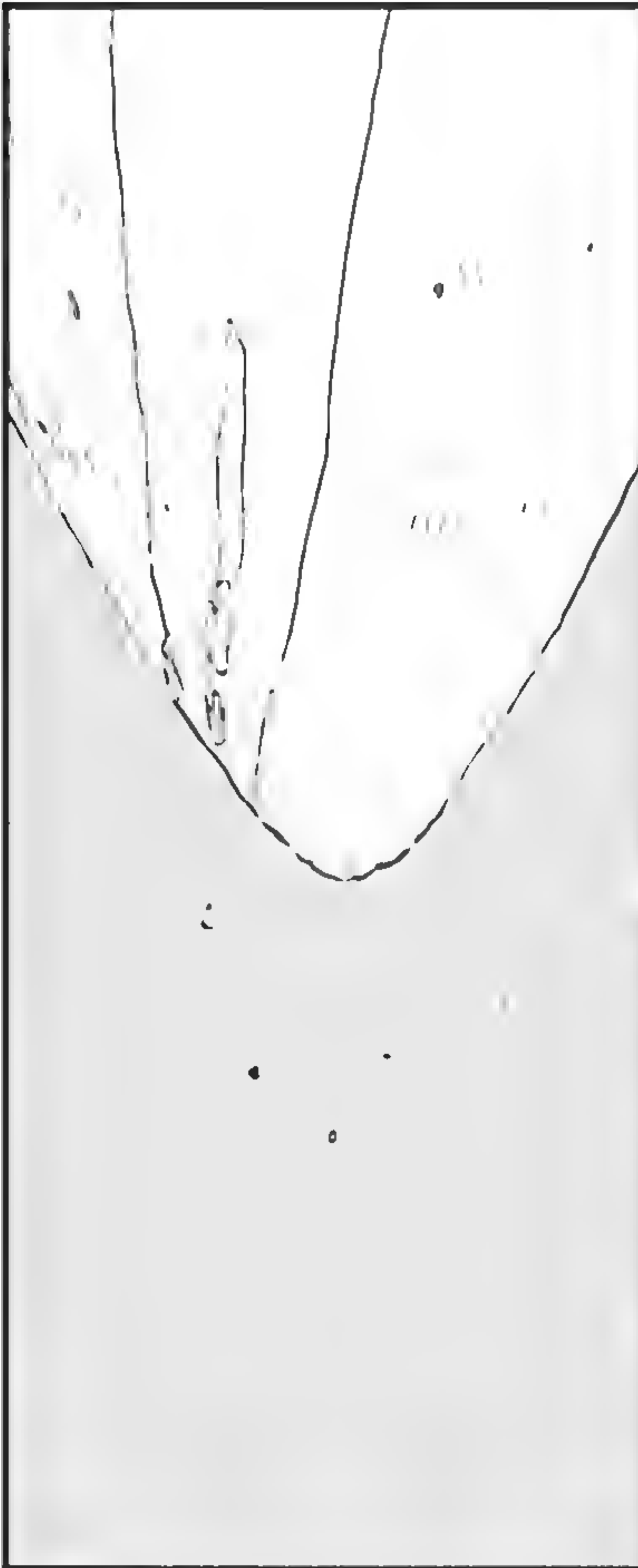
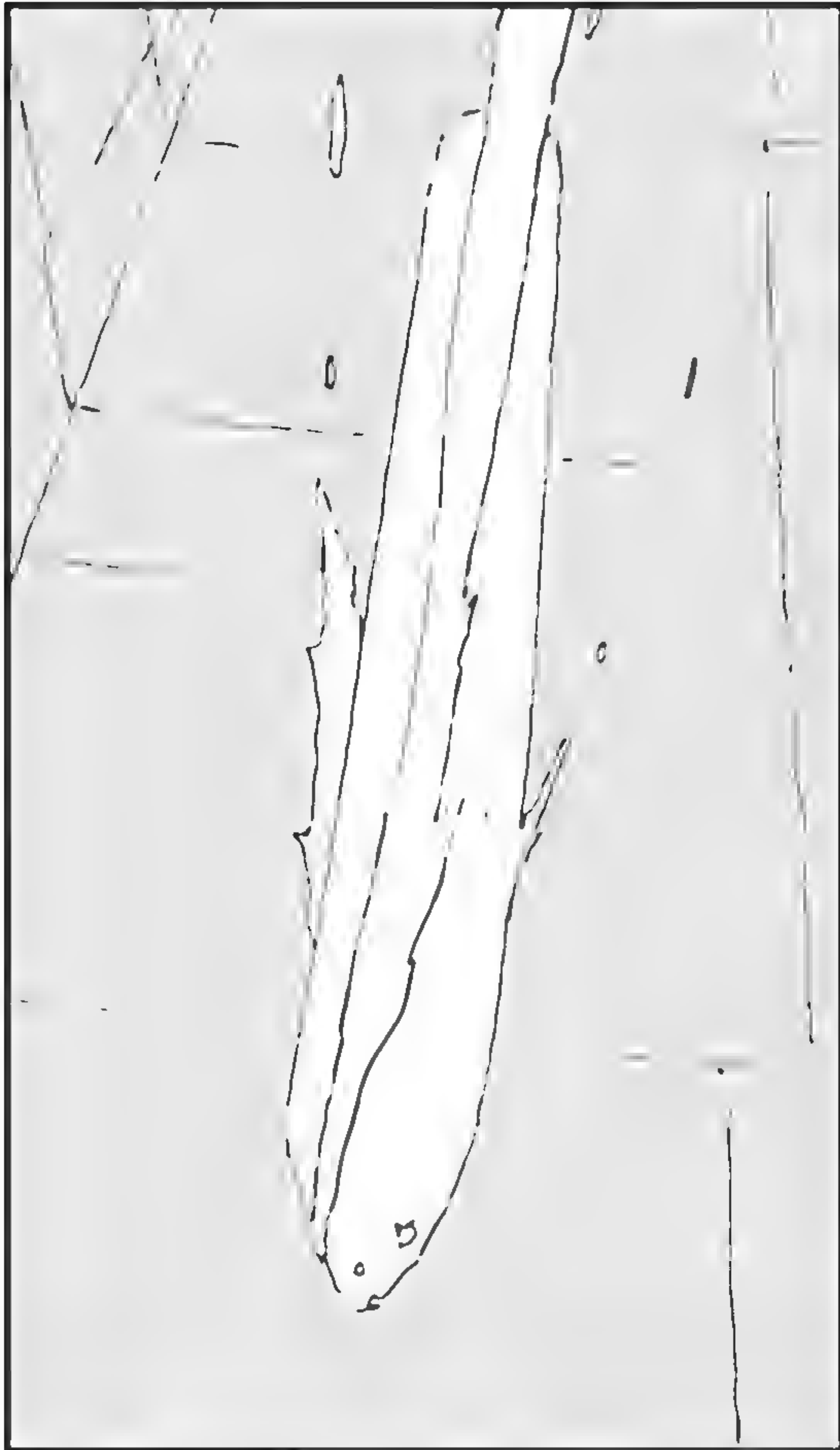


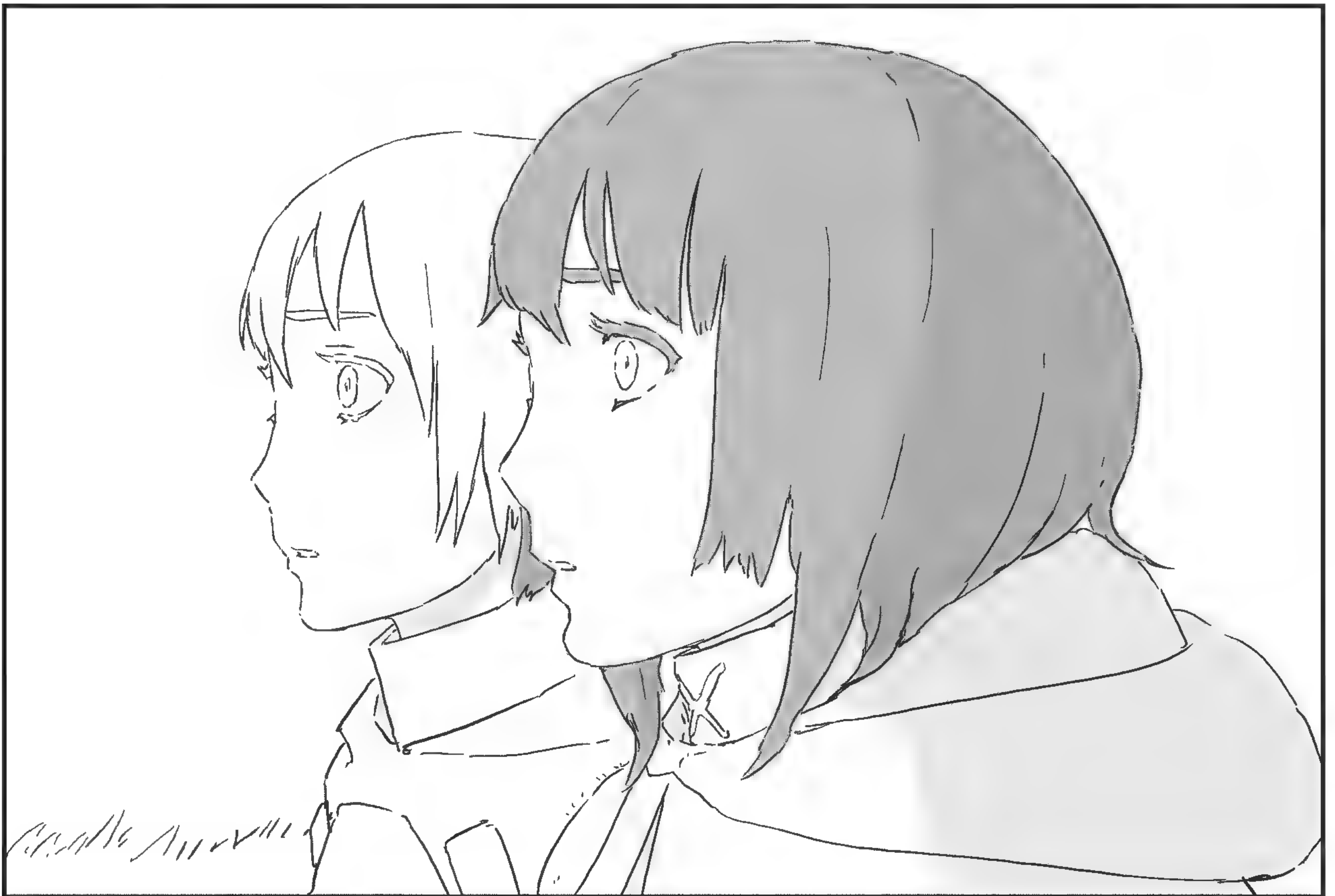
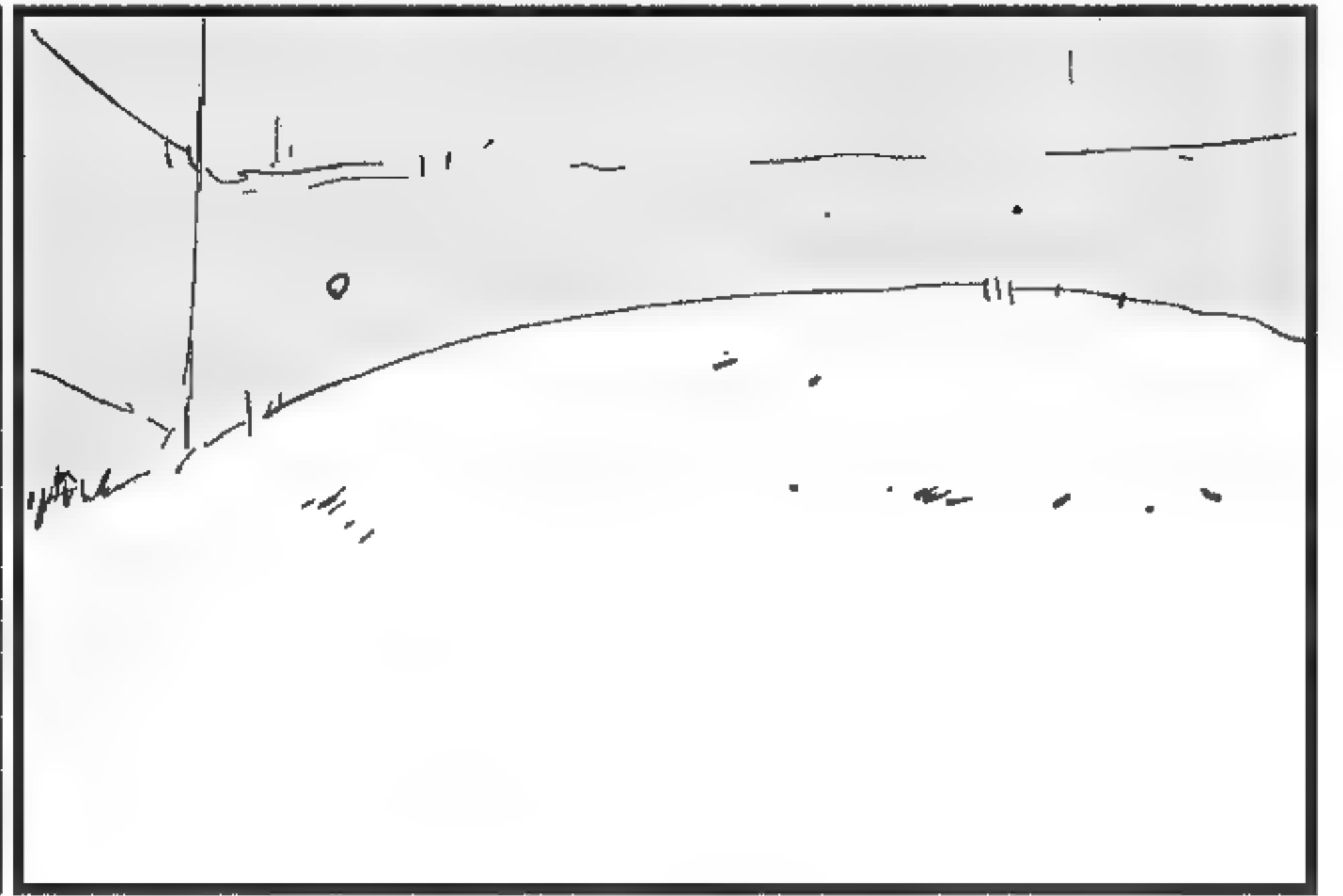
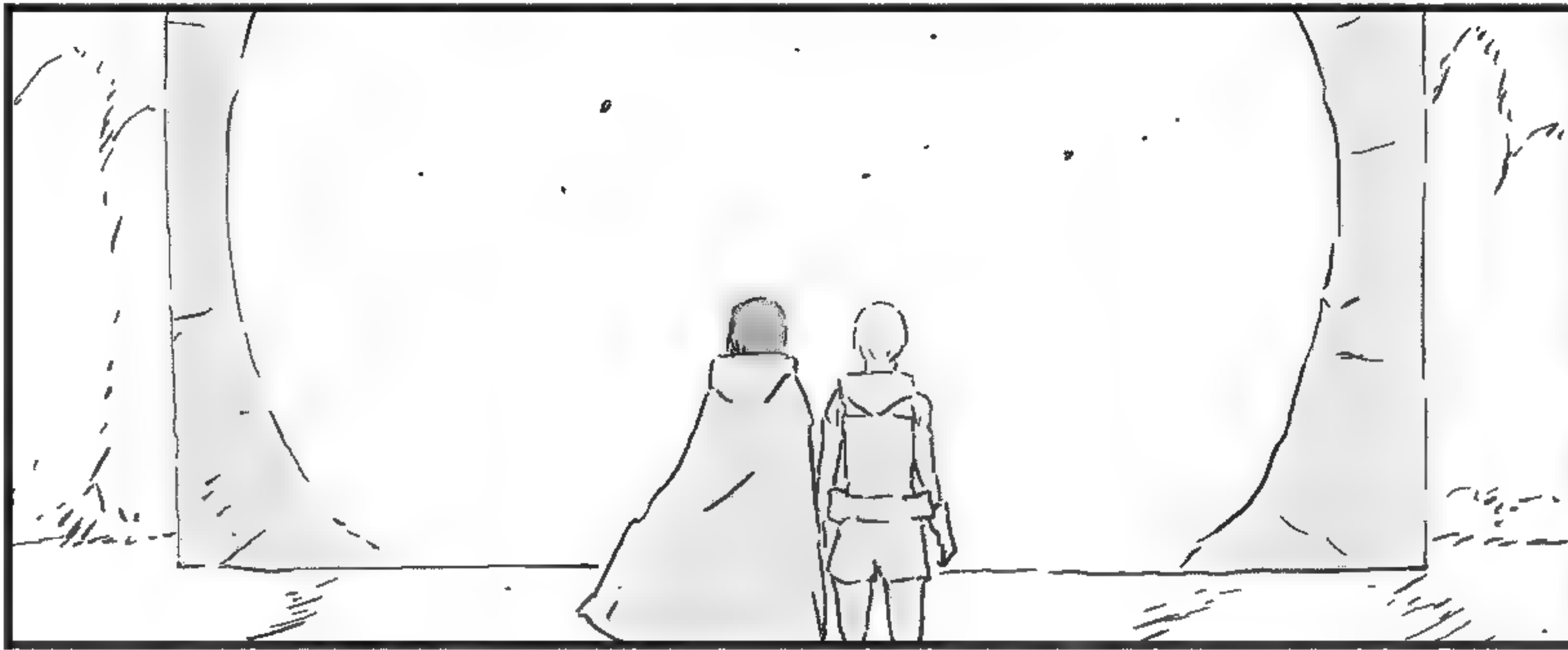
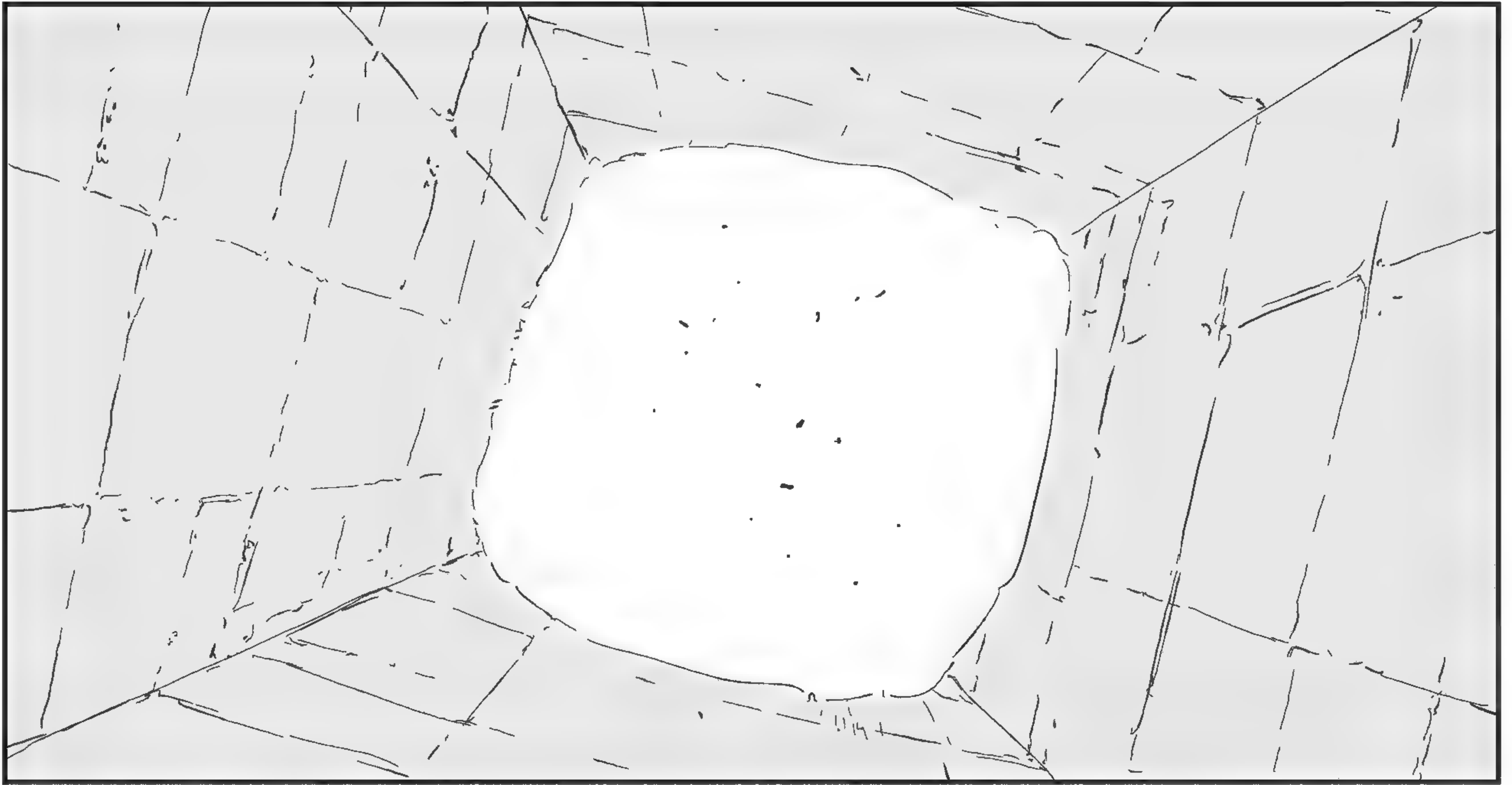


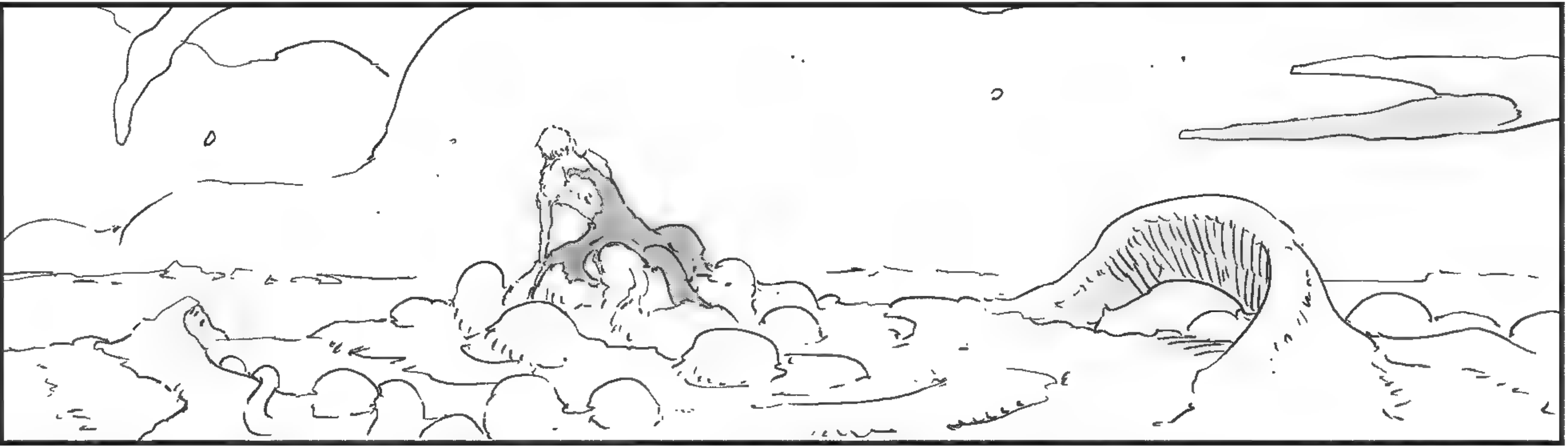
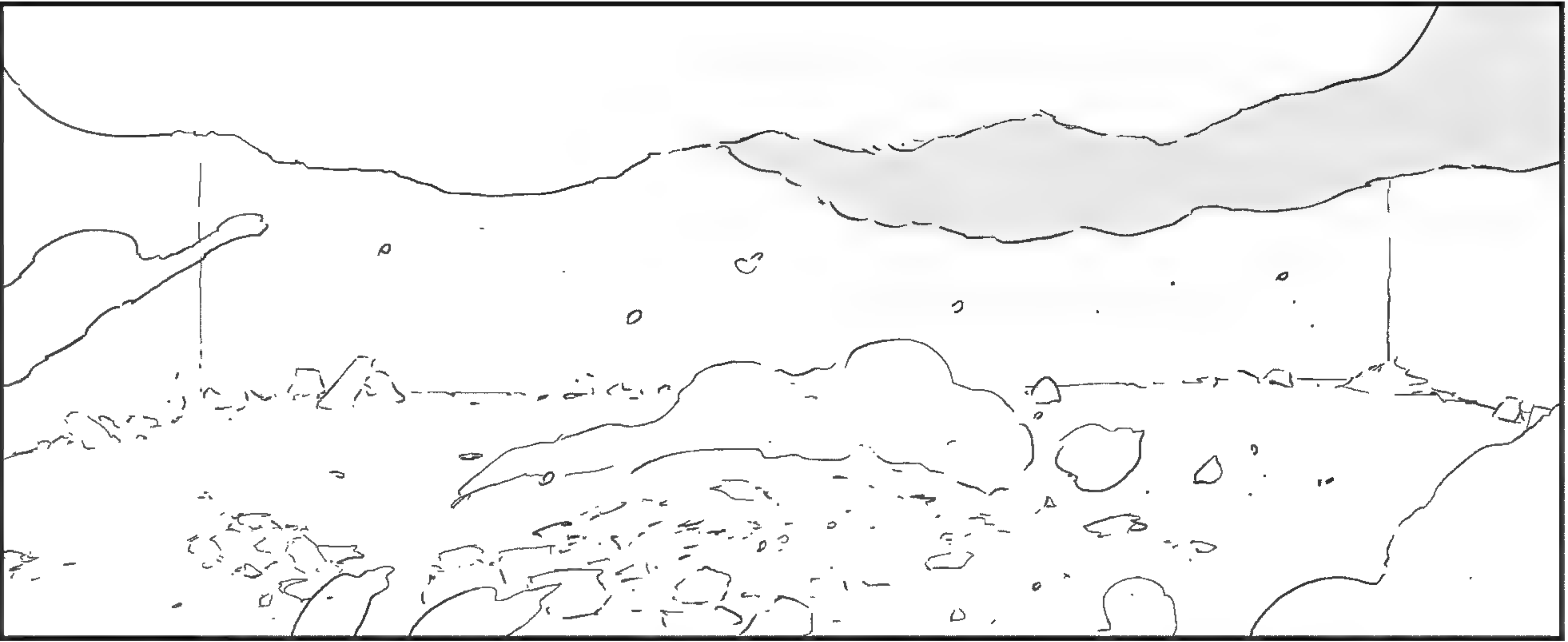


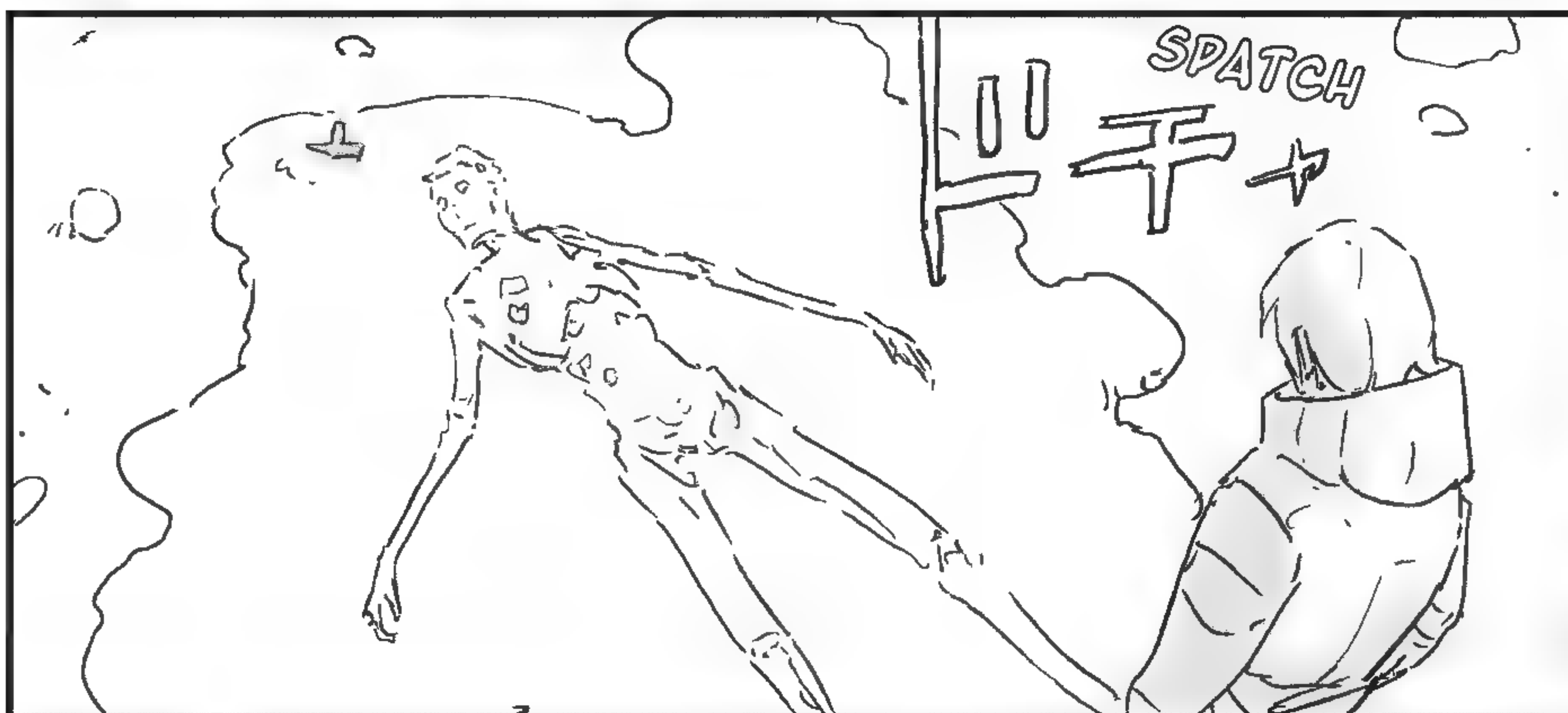
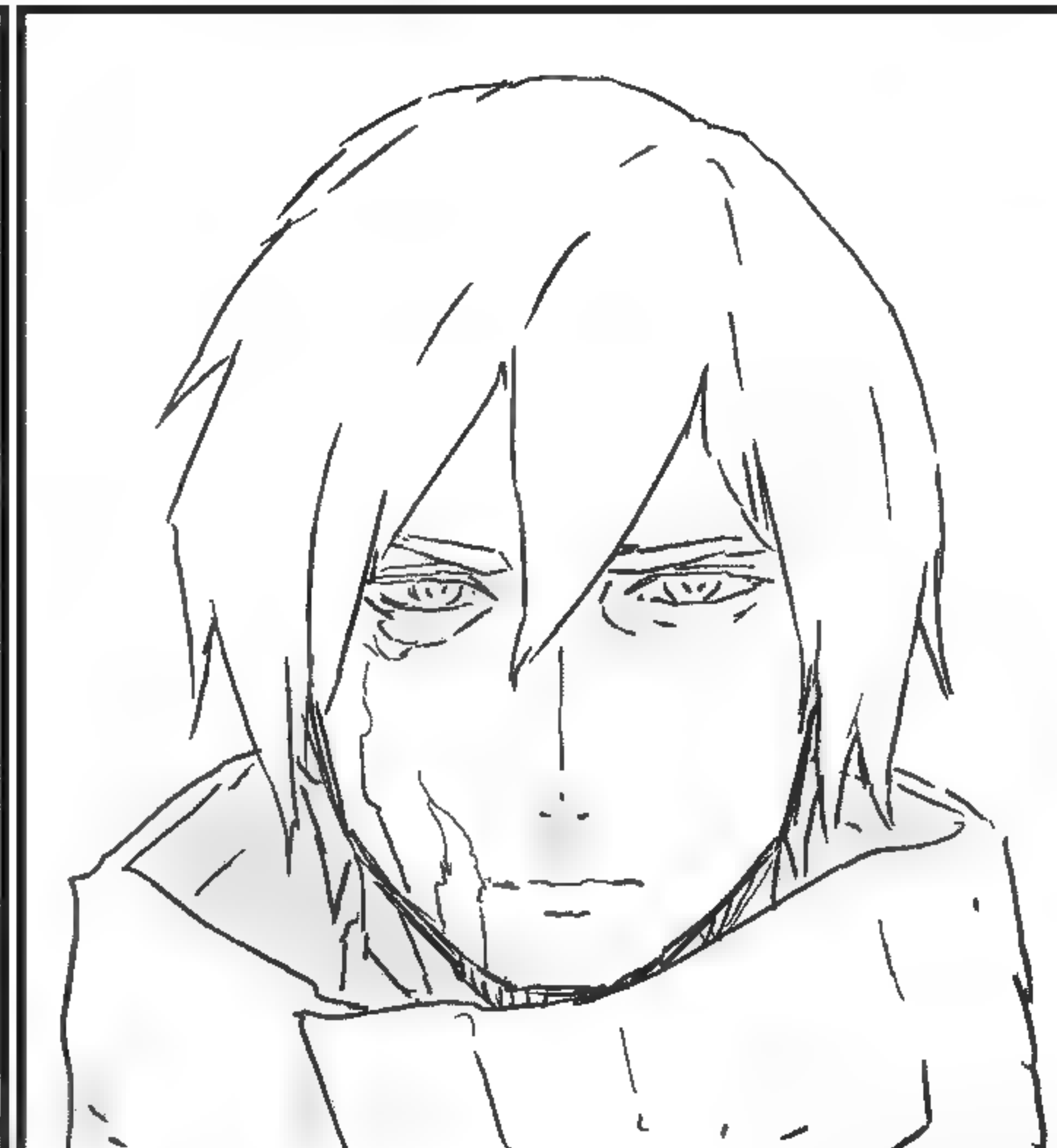
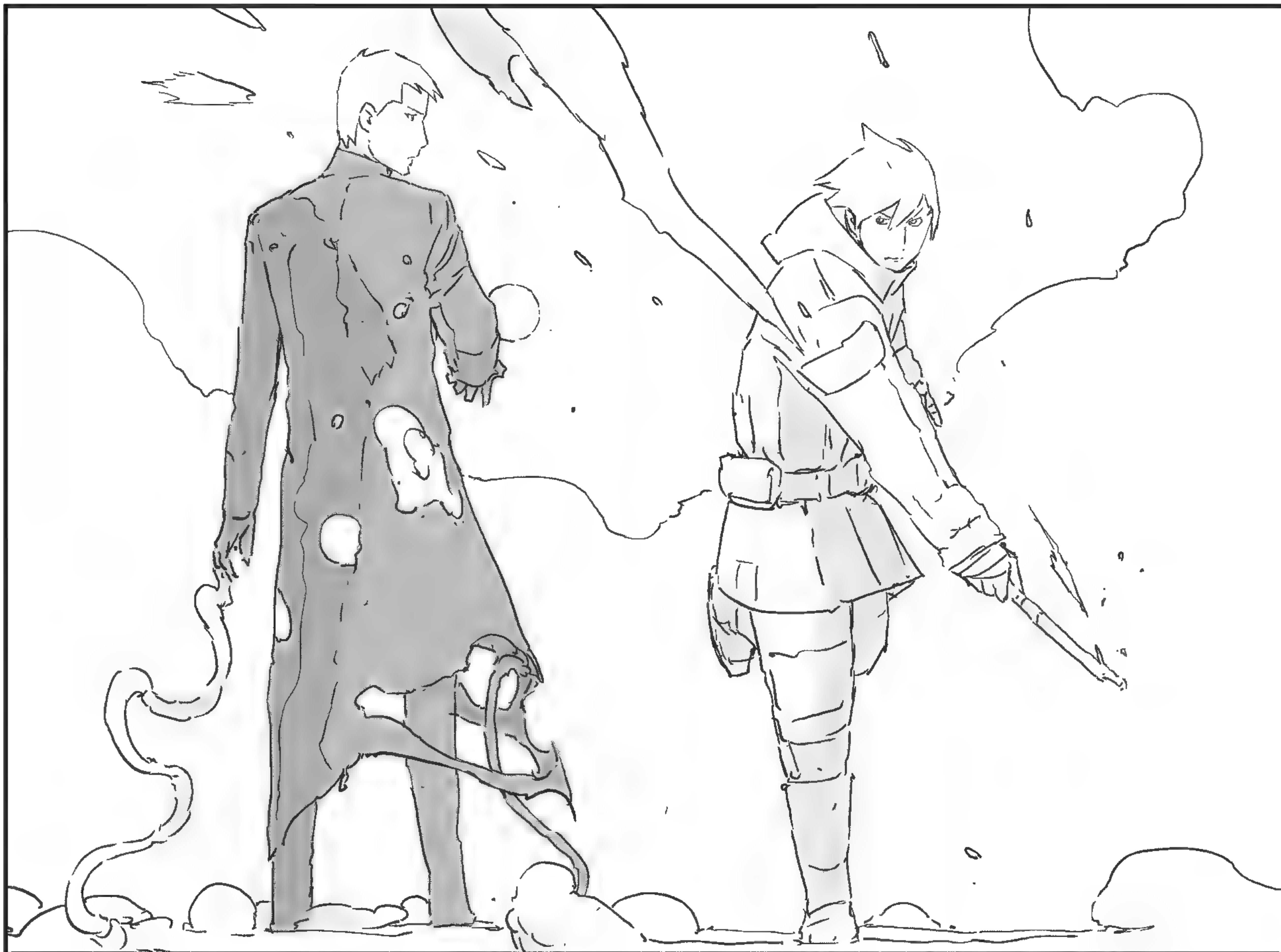
REMAINING HAIGS PARTICLES *vogda*



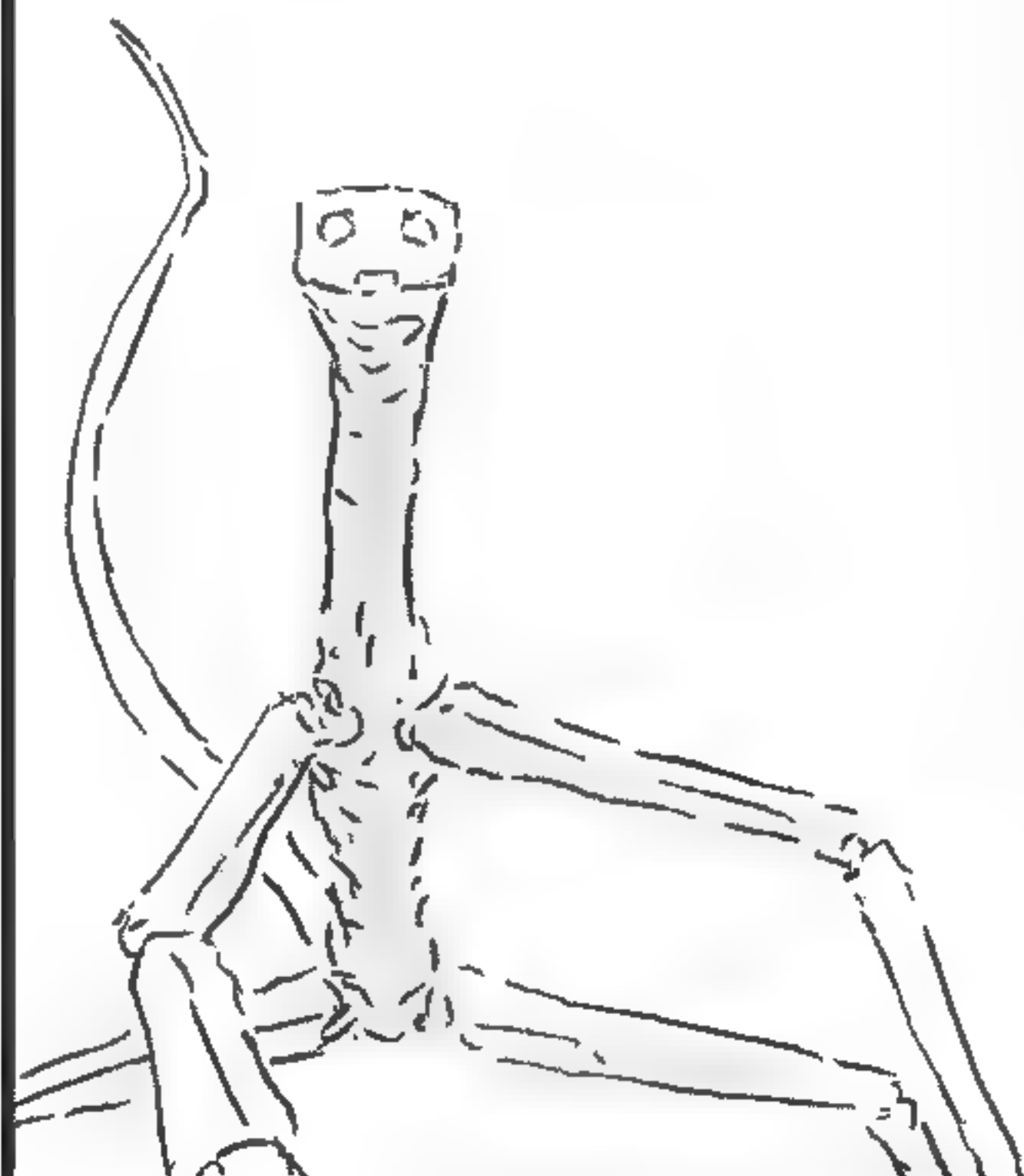




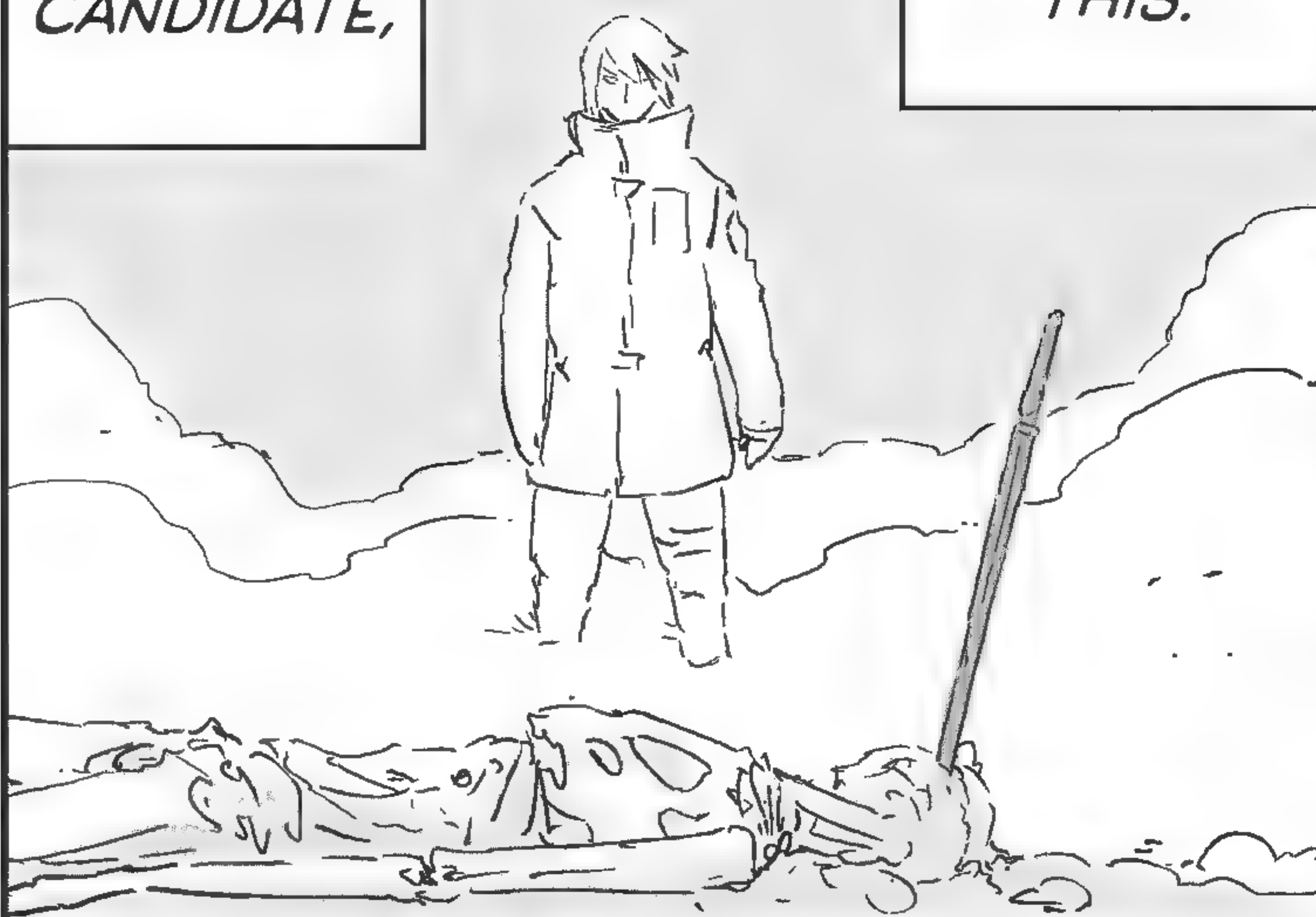




SO THIS
IS HOW IT
ALL ENDS?

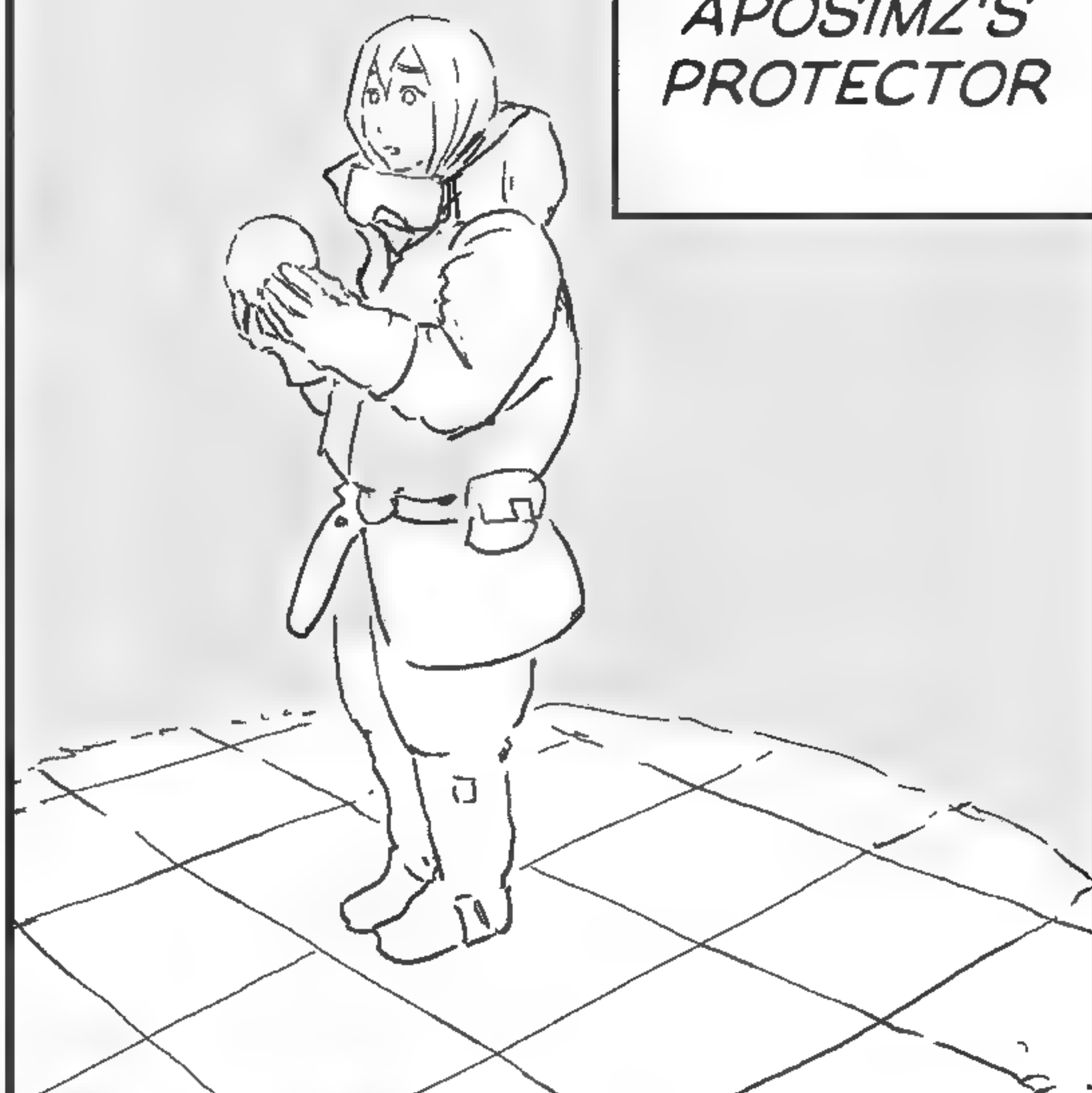


YOU'D
CHOOSE A
DIFFERENT
CANDIDATE,



THE FIRST
FUTURE I
SAW WAS
THIS.

THAT DAY
I SWORE
TO BECOME
APOSIMZ'S
PROTECTOR



IT WAS A
SCENE OF
UNTHINK-
ABLE
TERROR.

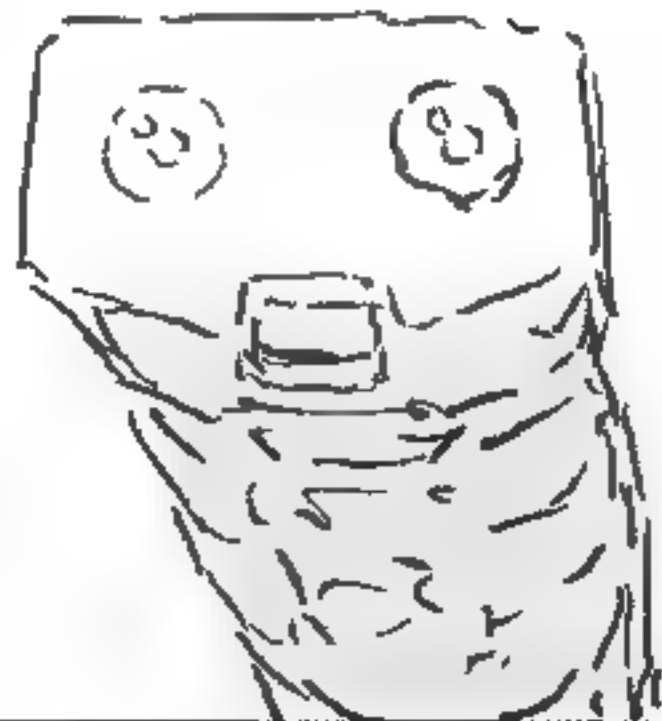


AFTER
THAT WAS
PITCH
BLACK
DARKNESS
...

AND
HE'D END
UP KILLING
ME.

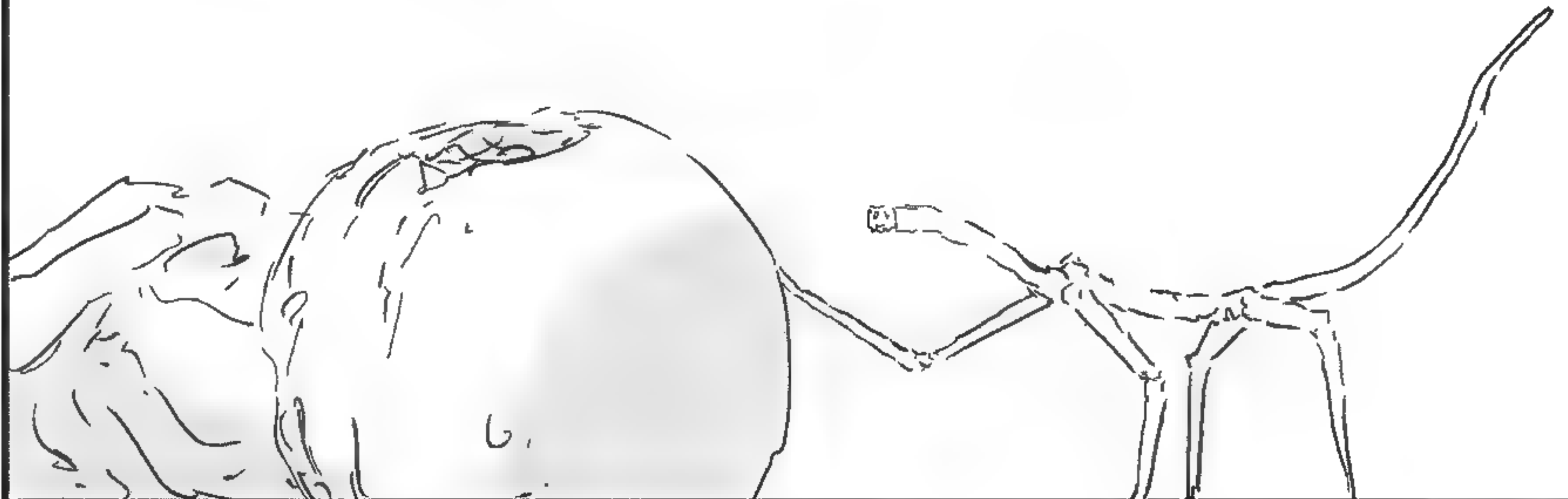


YOU
DIDN'T
SEE IT, DID
YOU?



YES. BUT NO MATTER HOW
MANY TIMES I LOOKED,
IN THE END, I WAS IN THIS
PLACE, AND REGARDLESS
OF MY LIFE OR DEATH,
THE END SWITCHES
TO DARKNESS.

DID YOU
WANT TO
CHANGE
THAT?



AS AGREED,
ETHEROW FULFILLED
THEIR WISHES WITH
HIS OWN POWER
AND PROTECTED
THEIR RIGHTS.

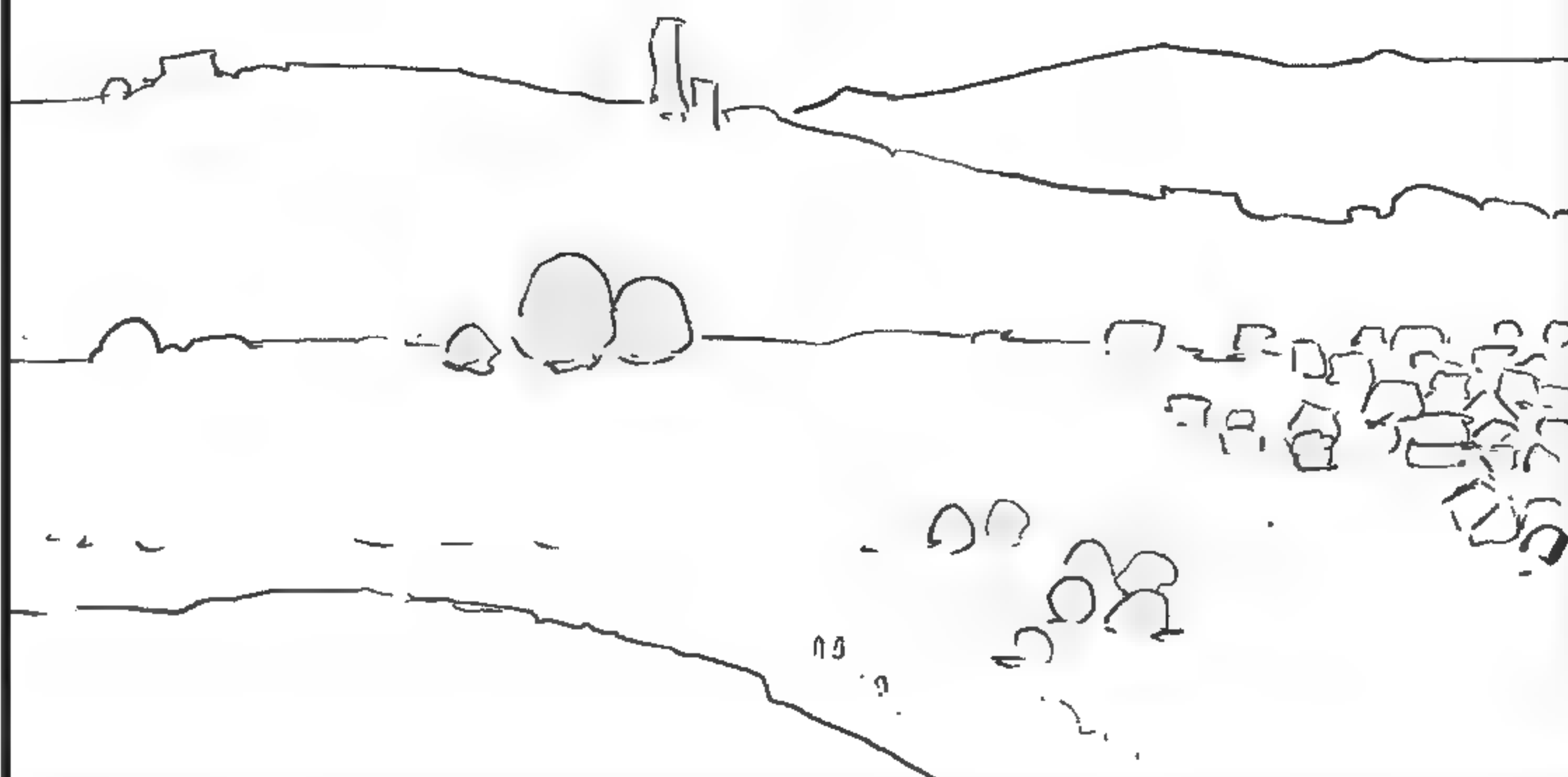


THE CORE WORLD
IS A WORLD OF CODE
WITH NO PHYSICAL
PRESENCE. THE
PEOPLE OF THE
SURFACE ARE THERE
WAITING IN SAFETY.



BUT IT'S A WORLD
YOU DON'T KNOW,
SO YOU'RE UNABLE
TO PERCEIVE IT, AND
IT SIMPLY FEELS
LIKE DARKNESS.

I EXPECT
YOU'D BE
ABLE TO
SEE IT.



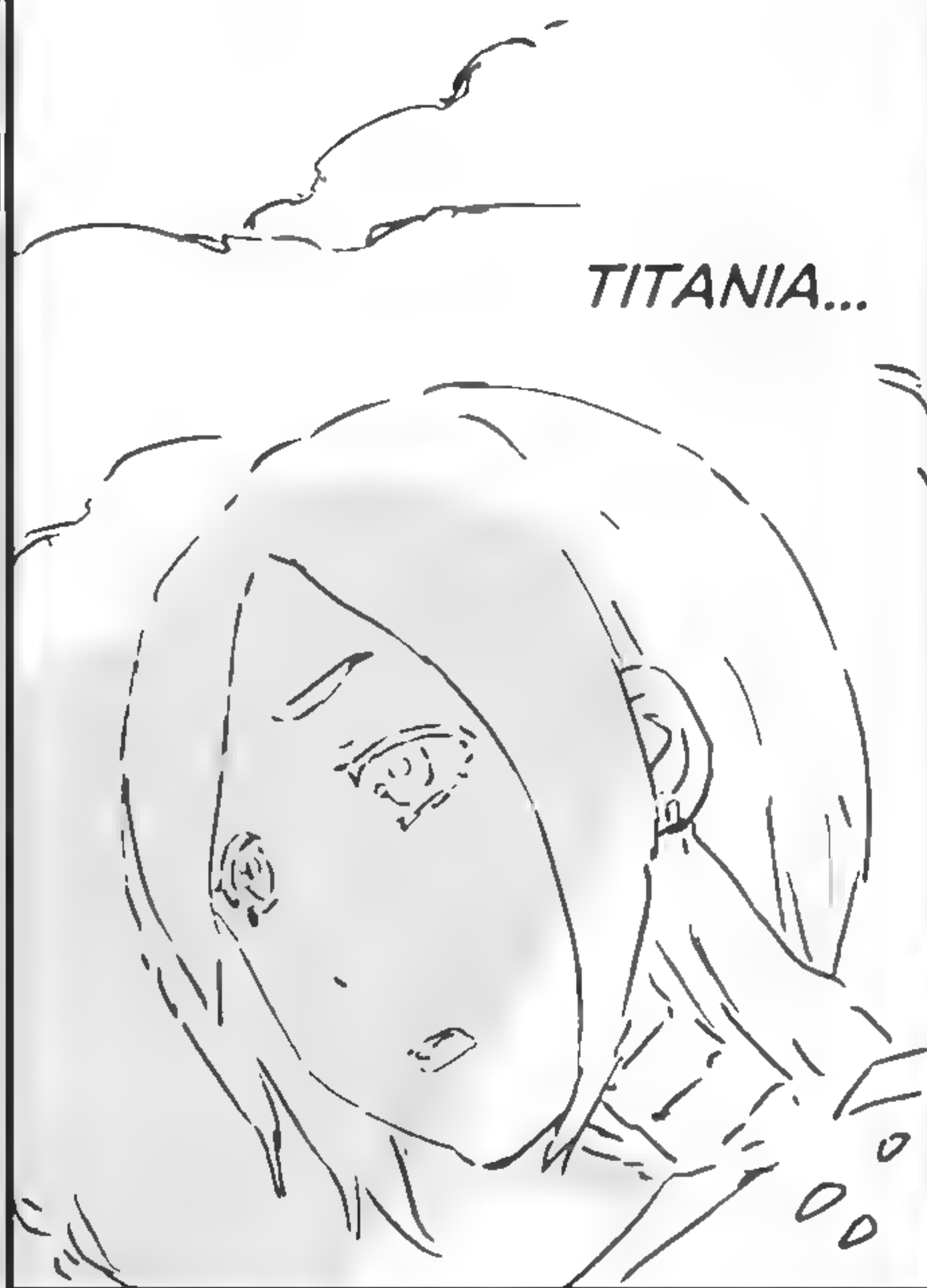
IT'S NOT JUST THE
PEOPLE OF THE SURFACE.
ALL RESIDENTS OF
APOSIMZ ARE SHARING
THIS SCENE NOW.



THAT WILL
DO. GO TO
SLEEP NOW...
NICHIKO SUOU.



TITANIA...

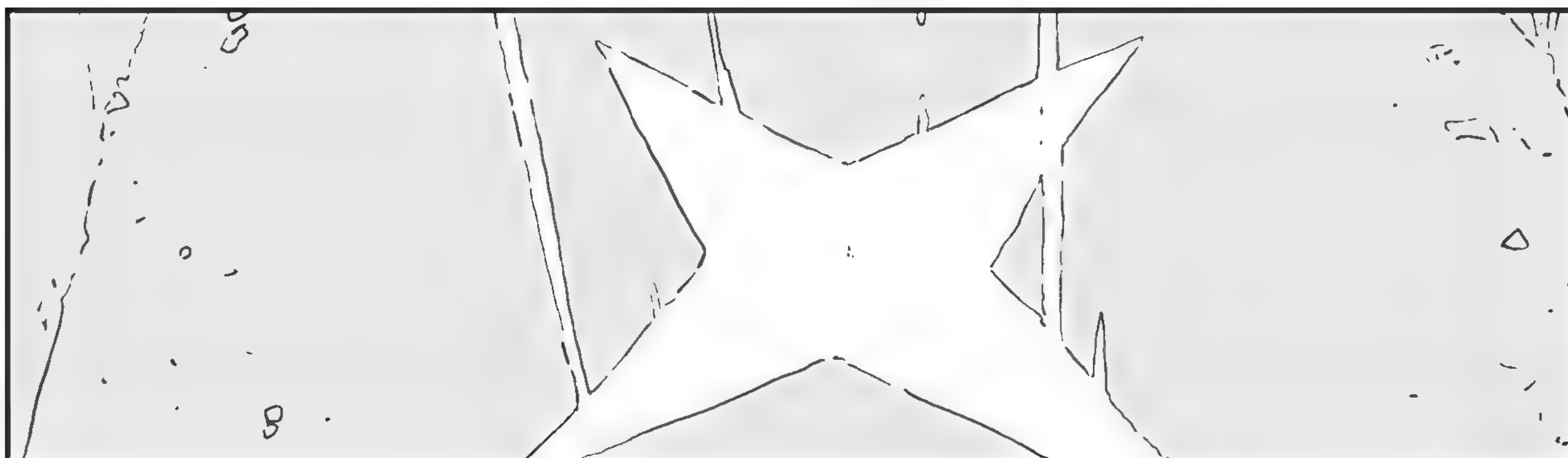
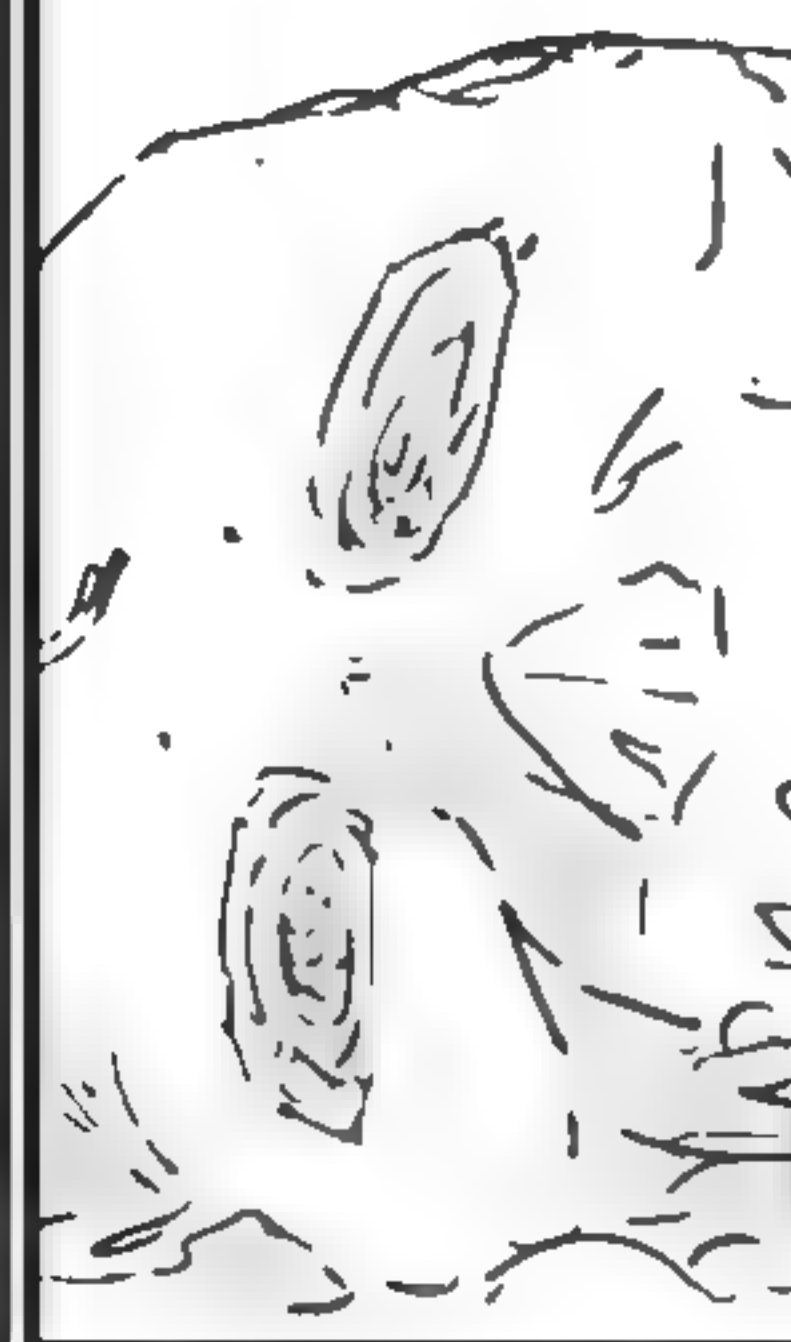


I AM
SORRY.
IT IS
BECAUSE OF
THE POWER
I GAVE YOU

THAT
YOU'VE
ENDED UP
LIKE THIS.



THAT
CAN'T BE...
I...





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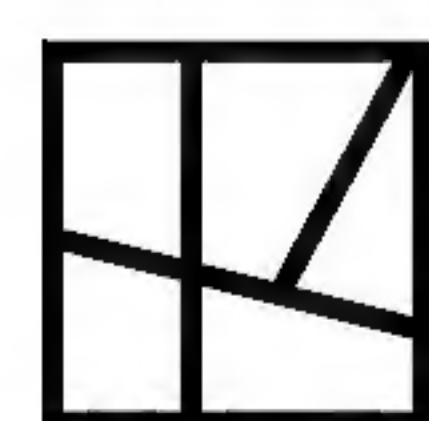
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